

Think, Thank, Thunk

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Introduction

This new book succeeds the last of the Criticizing Ben series and comes 15 years after the author published his personal bestseller “Marriage Vows 2000” in which he questioned traditional marriage and offered an alternative:) In his latest book Ken continues to question various and sometimes nefarious and sundry aspects of society! Call it a manifesto, with all the negative connotations if you want, I just call it a book of thoughts. Think, Thank, Thunk is mostly undeleted and unrefined because of time constraints etc. , aka laziness and some *names have been changed or deleted to protect the innocent.*

Abortion

If a fetus is conceived by rape or incest and aborted does that mean that it the fetus has paid for the crime of the father?

Arguably abortion, especially late term is a form of human sacrifice. If ancient civilizations were judged and punished for it aren't we at risk for the same?

You shouldn't have to be religious to realize that aborting babies is wrong but it seems to help. Likewise you'd think religionists would oppose war but most see no such connection.

I think it's quite possible that something magical happens when sperm need to hang in the DNAs jeans enter twine. And I believe that embryo deserves protection but in the case of rape or incest in the first trimester Lisa first few days I think the mother deserves the right to board that fetus if she wants call it tragic I repeat transit collateral damage you seem to have no travel blowing up mothers and babies in variance or's and calling them collateral damage and this is just so that you can get unconditional surrender so if that if that kind of tragic collateral damage is acceptable to you then why isn't it in the case of rape or incest were raped could be a matter of ethnic cleansing incest a crime as well in most societies I think it's probably better for the baby to be born and adopted another doesn't want it but she should have the right to terminate the pregnancy in the first few days that baby might be magical I think it is but it does not have a consciousness yet baby suckling on its mother's tit that's two months old or one-year-old does have consciousness if you're willing to blow it to smithereens just another inconsistency in your opinion and your case in my opinion.

Preple... aka fetuses...just saying.

If a woman wants an early term abortion for rape or incest I wouldn't interfere... both are tragic and adoption is better but both can also be forms of ethnic cleansing or forcibly

procreating a potentially sick blood line. It's a very sad and tragic thing to abort an embryo once conception has occurred but I wonder if it can be compared to the collateral damage that people seem all too comfortable with? On TV this morning they said that Genghis Khan raped so many women that approximately 1 in 200 people alive today are descended from him... hmmm.

In light of the 7/2015 undercover video of a Planned Parenthood worker reportedly sipping wine over lunch with "undercover" fetal tissue buyers intent on embarrassing the organization and its fetal tissue sales, it seems to me that while fetal tissue research certainly leads to help extend adult lives, it relies on snuffing fetal lives. In the video, the Planned Parenthood worker reportedly describes how they harvest organs from aborted fetuses based on the parts that are needed. "We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver...so I'm not gonna crush that part, I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact." Sick, very sick.

I'm bothered by the killing of Cecil the lion very much but more appalled by the Planned Parenthood body parts scandal. This despite my belief that another billion humans on this planet is not as important as the survival of both lions and humans. I think people should be able to be fruitful and multiply if they can afford to personally pay for raising their kids, if not they shouldn't be having them. Apparently many people are appalled by the death of the lion but not at the body parts scandal because as one activist reportedly said, "animals have never hurt me." I wonder if some of the people who support maximum abortion rights may be decrying Cecil's death so they can feel better, not have to examine their stance on abortion?

Showing righteous indignation over Cecil's killing provides an excuse for feeling nothing for aborted humans. Some may be conflicted about abortion don't want to consider changing or even modifying their views because it's the party line and their world view. It's easier to say death to the hunter then stop the abortions or even least limit them... All that being said, I think trophy hunting is a little strange at best, stupid in general and criminal when the animals killed are endangered. Hunting for food and then mounting an animals head on the wall is fine with me, hanging a lion's head on the wall makes no sense to me if they're endangered. IMO lions, tigers, bears, sharks etc. should be killed when they are man eaters but if we can avoid situations where that occurs it's even better... unfortunately it's not always possible.

Whether it's hunting or other things there's fair and there's ethical. If we're no longer a part of the food chain we don't need to be fair lions and tigers and bears but we should be ethical in our treatment of them.

Genghis Khan raped so many women that today as many as one out of 200 people is related to him. Many other psychopathic leaders and their armies have been guilty of mass rape to

repopulate and ethically cleanse conquered territory even to this day. The gentle race should be in space with as robust a vanguard and rear guard as can be mustered... Question is, is there a gentle race? Probably not but there are somewhat gentler people out there.

Activism

**“Imagine no possessions I wonder if you can, no greed or hunger a brotherhood of man”...
John Lennon**

I respect John Lennon’s optimism and hope that someday it works out but not exactly as he describes... it’s too socialist for me.

There're personal beliefs and there are crusades... the clerk in KY is on a crusade. Have her several divorces all met Biblical standards? Should she have been granted those? You say she's made mistakes and been forgiven and I don't disagree but I don't consider her anointed or qualified to judge others. She seems to want to "impose" and judge - not just practice her personal beliefs. I think her name is no longer being applied to marriage certificates... that's enough. Meanwhile Huckleberry Hound's handlers wouldn't allow Teddy bear to share "the clerk's" podium with him. They're as crass as the left despite the damage control they attempted on TV the next morn.

There are two sides to every coin but they're not necessarily equal...

Funny how everything we do can seem perfectly sane to us and utterly crazy to others :)

Climate change, Bernie Madoff’s Ponzi schemes, slavery reparations etc. ... which one do you want to pay for and more to the point, which ones do you want the rest of us to pay for? And which ones are some people exempt from due to their good deeds, birthright etc.

On a related note should tobacco companies be dismantled to pay for nicotine addiction treatment and alcohol companies dismantled as well...I’d say yes for the cigarette companies, that’s the fight my dog’s in. On another related note, is it moral to hunt deer but not lions, or is all hunting moral or immoral? etc. Activism can be driven by political correctness or by social engineering. It boils down to, do we have the right to control other people’s economic and social behavior etc? When empowered to do so we frequently declare other people’s behavior immoral or illegal even when we shouldn’t be sticking our noses in it... only occasionally we must.

“Don't let any crisis go to waste” is fine if you use it to make things better for yourself, which is usually fairly clear-cut. The problem is using crises to purportedly help others, which can end up accomplishing just the opposite.

I have no problem with people thinking they're superior etc. unless and until they try implementing or exercising their beliefs to the detriment of myself and others.

"How do you deal with the inevitability of uncertainty" ...Richard Haas

Adam and Eve-N

If menstruation is punishment for Eve's transgression in the Garden, is God punishing females of all mammalian species for Eve's offense?

Ladies what a wonderful concept, what a great idea! How did Adam get by before the 'advent' of Eve?

Advice

"He who has knowledge spares his words"...Proverbs 17:27

"No one likes being given their own advice"... Mike Heck

"What is best in life? To crush your enemies, see them driven before you, and hear the lamentation of the women"... Conan the Barbaria. (Yeah, I don't think so.)

If I had one final piece of advice it would be "think!"

Thank you very little for the unsolicited advice:)

Think, Think, Think! Think, study, learn but most of all Think!

We think we're leading horses to water and complain when they don't drink... maybe the holes not where we think it is.

Sometimes it's better to put a bug in a man's ear than a whole speech:)

Don't fixate on floaters look beyond and focus on the beauty around you - don't miss the forest for the trees...k

You can say, "if you're going to do stupid things you'll have to pay for them", or in response to a specific situation you can say, "if you're going to run up your bills, you're going to have to pay them." When dealing with someone acting irresponsible, the second way may get a more positive response than the former which will raise hackles.

One of the worst things a young person can do is take the advice of the wrong people too seriously, but it happens all the time...

Heard another pundit explaining that such and such may be a, “teachable moment.” I don't know if such expounders are necessarily arrogant but they certainly sound arrogant some of the time...so what does that make me:)

All right everyone... on the count of three say, “well I never.” Please use the appropriate voice inflection in this case righteous indignation.

Before dispensing advice remember that most people don't want it and some people really don't want it.

Like most people my age I'm full of advice, criticism and observations... fortunately or not no one's listening :)

The old love to advise the young... we don't always admit it but we all do it:)

Listen to their advice and learn but realize its tinged and tainted by problems, insecurities hurts and bias.

“A fool makes a quarrel out of a debate” ...unknown

“A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating”... Proverbs 18:6

“Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise”... Proverbs 19:20

“And somewhere in the darkness, The gambler he broke even But in his final words I found an ace that I could keep”...Kenny Rogers/The Gambler (Jeff Bradley, Robert Nehra, Michael Nehra and Andrew Fowlkes)

“Learn from your mother or spend your life biting your own neck”... Mumford and Sons

“Well everybody's got advice they just keep on givin', Dosen't mean to much to me, lots of people have to make believe they're livin' Can't decide who they should be”... Boston

“The unexamined life is not worth living”... Socrates

Aging

“You take your pension loneliness and alcohol”... Billy Squire

Wow the second half of my life is half over... it's time to get down to business!

I am 58 and relatively speaking at the peak of my powers... I'm not breaking any records, never was and never will but I should use these last few years of lucidity to rack up as much as I can for retirement...

Our friends have moved here from Florida... I don't think I'll tell him about Garrison or her about Anderson...

You know you're getting old when you walk to the mailbox and have to ask yourself if you remembered to put your pants on :)

Then you get old and die...

We're in a race to see who gets to Crazyville first and being five years older I'm favored to win :)☐:)As we get to middle-age and beyond we start to look a little stern and maybe more severe. It doesn't help in our spousal relationship when she looks at me and thinks I'm mad cause of my "elevens." We're mostly feeling the same things we felt years ago but what's showing up on the face creates questions and acrimony instead of peace and harmony.

Is the fact that I can't remember my alarm code when I set it off by accident an indication that I don't do that very often, or does it mean my memory's slipping?

40 you're half way there

50 you're more than half way there

60 you're way past halfway to the end

70 the ends in sight

80 the end is near

90 you've reached the end!

Trying to remember something... say it out loud and you might remember it better.

Youth is fantastic and aging is difficult but youthful doesn't always mean useful and age rhymes with sage for a reason.

I'm a "Silver Back" by virtue of years on the planet but it would be exaggerating to say I'm an alpha or apex male - competition's too stiff.

I'm forgetting people's names but I know more grades of stainless steel than I used to... hmm not good. If I can remember a person's last name it might help me remember their first name, case in point: Colleen Courier.

Older loved ones want your undivided attention when you visit, I think I know why and try to oblige them as best I can, after all time is of the essence and they still have a lot to say and share...

In the past some Eskimos set the elderly adrift on ice flows, supposedly some elderly Japanese used to walk to the top of the mountain to die so they wouldn't burden their children. We put our parents in nursing homes, try to keep them comfortable and hold their hand while we watch Caddy Shack for the 50th time. I think our system's better but it's far from perfect. They wanted to get rid of the problem, we want to solve it but can't.

Relating to the aged is sometimes similar to dealing with children. The aged have wisdom from life experience but are gradually losing their facilities making them childlike in some respects. Children slowly develop their facilities and come equipped with open-mindedness and inquisitiveness to aid in that, meanwhile they have very little life experience but some natural wisdom. Children gradually lose some of their innocence and open-mindedness as society stamps its brand on them and old people unfortunately lose everything, their wisdom and knowledge largely lost to society. Fortunately both young and old can pass on what they do to the rest of us... if we only listen.

Poem #64

by Lawrence Ferlinghetti

On the stage set

of the Piazza della Rotunda

A couple of thousand citizens

(some still in togas)

strolling about or

sitting at café tables

And an old old flowerseller

passing among the tables

bending over young couples in jeans

as they whisper together

and offering them

her so dry flowers

**And they not deigning
to notice the old crone
with her gnarled hands
and her fingers full of
the thin rings of
her former lives
each one of them enough
to enlighten them
as to what love or life might be
And her lips
almost at their ears
in which they hear only
the very distant roaring
of their own futures.**

**“Nothing is forever, there's got to be something better than in the middle”...The
Wallflowers**

Amarna Letters (Parallels to the Bible's book of Proverbs)

**“A brick may move from under its partner, still I will not move from under the feet of the
king, my lord.”**

"For the lack of a cultivator, my field is like a woman without a husband."

**"I looked this way, and I looked that way, and there was no light. Then I looked towards
the king, my lord, and there was light."**

“I fall, at the feet, ... 7 times and 7 times"

**"...when an ant is pinched does it not fight back and bite the hand of the man that struck
it?"**

America

It's one thing to be disappointed with the direction the country's going and it's another to know what that direction is.

I care less about "being an American" than about original American principals... Therefore I'm more likely to fight for those principals than for America in its present form... that being said, I do consider this sacred ground.

I'm not saying we should always be isolationist, certainly stopping Hitler was well worth it and important. Just saying is there are dozens of countries that may deserve "intervention", so are we going to intervene everywhere, or is it sufficient and just to only intervene in countries where some of our people have a particular interest and possibly are steering our efforts? Many will say our interventions are not steered and that the assistance we provide is vital for many reasons and you may be right, I think it's usually better to let them sort things out themselves unless it truly is a Hitler who threatens the whole world. Maybe as many say, ISIS, Al Qaeda and a few others are as great a threat as Hitler was, I don't know.

The "fact" that a writer has to consider posthumous publishing is an indication that this country is no longer what it used to be... or maybe it's just a sign of the "the times."

You say this is a Christian nation and I don't disagree, so why do you say there's no religious component to our Middle East policy? I'm not saying it's a crusade just that there's a religious component to our foreign policy just as there's a religious component to our domestic policies and just about everything else in life.

Roman or Egyptian Aman-Ra sun god eagle on one side of the great seal, Egyptian pyramid on the other... hmmm

I think the American people largely want foreign wars or at least except there inevitability I think it's because of security concerns manifest destiny and or religion... I think most of my countrymen would say I am wrong on all counts.

We may or may not be at war with Islam this may or may not be crusader versus jihadi but there's almost certainly a religious component to it.

The United States may have been in more wars than any other country during its existence...maybe ancient Rome rivals us in that department. War is almost synonymous with the human race the US therefore is the human race personified amplified. As far as I know however we have not taken as many lives as some other countries Germany Russia and China come to mind I don't know if they've taken lives were lost lives but is far is out

right winning wars the US seems to be the champ so far in my lifetime and for some time before.

Maintain and improve our nuclear deterrent and absolutely control our borders air space and territorial waters. Develop our own impenetrable iron dome, harden our defenses of all kinds including against; cyber EM and every other conceivable current and future threat. Ukraine is Europe's fight Syria is the middle east's fight. We should offer venues for peace talks and sell or give them medicine but not weapons. If we can destroy the entire world X times over with our nukes that should be an adequate deterrent. Caveat emptor, I don't expect the above to happen any more than I expect us to return to sanity in general. There's too much money, ideology "etc." involved.

What is the optimum or maximum population of a country? At some point even relatively homogeneous populations get so large as to feel too remote from the government as in China and the iron fist is deployed. Alternatively as population growth makes a country too "diverse" (the PC police call that an oxymoron) people feel too removed from their neighbors, Balkanization occurs and once again the proverbial iron fist comes to the rescue.

With all due respect and sad to say it but America lives by the sword...

America as white Anglo-Saxon Protestant would like it to be for the old-fashioned ones would like it to be is doomed there is the destiny of demographics that makes that certain 100 years ago when we wiped out the Indians there was a sizable part of the white Anglo-Saxon Protestant population that didn't want to do that but they weren't sizable enough to stop it. Now as America's turned over to blacks and Hispanics the white Anglo-Saxon Protestant population is as divided or more divided than it was over the Indian wars plus it is a smaller part of the population so if a faction within it wanted to resist they are most likely to week to do so the military like a general has been turned into a polyglot of ethnic cities. So even a military coup would be unlikely to succeed but still that is our only chance to return things to the children of the pioneers who did the distasteful and sometimes horrible things but did them to people who were also doing this tasteful horrible things to others and to each other now the children of those people will benefit and many argue that this is just poetic justice

The Solutreans from France, Spain and Portugal may have reached America 24,000 years ago, which would mean that Euros made it to America before Asians but this theory is not widely believed by scientists...

Ancestors and Old Stuff

"Thy people will be my people, thy God will be my God"... Ruth

"...rings of smoke through the trees and the voices of those who stand looking"... Led Zeppelin

Ruth's son was David's grandfather and David was Jesus' ancestor. Ruth was a Moabite... so just David had Moabite blood.

We had an old handmade Egyptian music box which by now would be about 65 years old. Funny in its day it was enjoyed and once upon a time it was "state of the art, high tech." I wonder what happened to it? Not sure but I think I know... some people want control of heirlooms, I think it gives them a sense of power, control or something.

When I look at these old pictures on the wall I still don't know where I'm going but at least I know where I came from and that there's work to be done.

I'm not saying that my number one priority in life is the continuation of our family name or bloodline but I will say it's on the short list and I'm not ashamed of that... such has been a priority of men for thousands of years and those who would call me names for respecting that tradition can have their say.

The condition that people and societies are in now probably has something to do with what their ancestors did. Were their ancestors on the ball, did they appreciate, demand and fight for freedom, or did they do stupid, cruel and vindictive things? When our own people or other societies ask or demand that we or western society support them, I think we should say sure, but that support should mostly be in the form of information. How they use it may determine whether or not their descendants live just like them or live better. Our ancestors weren't angels but they appreciated, demanded and fought for freedom and we are the beneficiaries. As far as the mistakes they made and their misdeeds, I don't think they should be swept under the rug but for a number of reasons they shouldn't be the basis of our policies either. One of the reasons being that every society I can think of committed atrocities commensurate with their ability to pillage and plunder. Some societies worship their ancestors and I don't do that, but I respect our ancestors, appreciate the good things they did and wonder if there watching down on us. If they are, I wonder how many of them would want us to give away the farm? My guess is not too many, but if God wants it to go to someone else, that's how it's doing to be...

Are our lives a "Truman Show" for our relatives and ancestors who have passed away? Are they looking down or up at us from the great beyond? At least there're lots of us to look at so they're probably spreading their looks around. What about those who didn't speak English?

Where we're from isn't as much a mystery as where we're going.

If our ancestors, relatives and friends are up there watching us, I'm probably giving them a lot of embarrassing stuff to look at :)

Anger

"Keep your words soft and sweet in case you have to eat them"... Amish saying

"Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in a cage"... Smashing Pumpkins

"He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity"... Proverbs 21:23

Your anger is palpable and affects everyone around you. Maybe it's because you don't want your loved ones to be doomed but we wish she would relent...

I know your personality but not your mind, that is why I am wary...

The fact that the other guys are assholes doesn't make us Saints but human nature makes us feel like we are. Meanwhile the other guys also think they're the Saints and we're the sinners. This quirk of human nature is largely responsible for human conflict and our attempts through religion and ideology to change things has been largely unsuccessful. Instead of considering the possibility that our system or world view is imperfect, we blame the other guys. Almost universally we blame them and when strong enough confront and often attack them like a tribe of chimpanzees beseeching its furry neighbors.

I'm trying not to cuss at AT&T and Comcast employees on the phone which is difficult but it's been even harder not swearing like a sailor at their automated attendant :)

"And as I watched him on the stage, my hands were clenched in fists of rage, no angel born in hell, could break that Satan's spell"...Don McLean

"You're short on ears and long on mouth"... John Wayne (Big Jake)

Authority

"If you're confused check with the sun, carry a compass to help you along"... REM

Funny how the chapter on authority follows the one on anger... there seems to me that angry people often want to have authority over others.

Funny how those who write our moral codes rarely abide by them...

They're so friggin in your day to day business it's not funny but try to get in their's on behalf of a fetus and you're an interfering hater.

There are two kinds of people in this world, those who seem happy to take marching orders and those who prefer marching to a different drummer.

It's great, now you can get your marching orders two different ways, from prime time TV or from what they put in your flu shot... Before answering any more questions, I'm getting my shot so I'll say the 'right thing'... kidding!

Just got my flu shot... you can expect me to start acting more appropriately... at least for a while :)

My beef is I don't think humans are a herd to be managed by elitist who claim they know what's best by virtue of a direct line to God or by virtue of their superior intellect, education or might. Instead of being directed by God, I think they're inspired by the same self-centeredness that corrupts every human mind. That doesn't mean we shouldn't listen to the wisdom supposedly recorded in the name of God, we should just realize that it may not all be directly from God.

Why would you rely on my memory about things and why would I rely on someone else's 'information' about the universe? Unless you respect and thoroughly vet the source, rely on your own...even when coerced, do your homework and rely on your own...

"Don't follow leaders, watch your parking meters"... Bob Dylan

Banksters

Battle of the Sexes

"My heart is like a broken cup, I only feel right on my knees, I spit out like a sewer hole

Yet still receive your kiss, How can I measure up to anyone now After such a love as this?"... The Who

“...Lying next each other all night, like two bodies in a morgue”... Elizabeth Taylor (The comedians)

“...Cause the boy with the cold hard cash is always Mister Right, Some boys try and some boys lie but I don't let them play (no way), Only boys who save their pennies Make my rainy day”...Madonna

“Baby you're like lightning in a bottle, baby you're electric love”... Børns

“Sweet dreams are made of this, who am I to disagree”... Annie Lennox

“Men are such idiots and I married their king”... Peggy Bundy

“My body has no theology”... Richard Burton (The Comedians)

“Sweet dreams are made of this, who am I to disagree”... Annie Lennox

“It's not like God's going to stop making girls”... Charlie Harper

“Four that want to own me, two that want to stone me, one says she's a friend of mine”...Eagles

“Do you love me? Yes, no, well I don't know, it really doesn't matter”... Camu

As wonderful as women are, they're also every bit as “tit for tat” as men. In fact the origin of that expression might be a “tit for that.”

Ladies are so pretty but they're such rascals!:)

Blonde hair is a mask:)

Men rarely make women completely happy but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't try... neither should we get bent out shape over things beyond our ability :)

They have such sweet little tummies but they have no Buzzin well you call me superficial for noticing that and being attracted largely by physical traits, yet men who seem so principled can be the cruelest... so what do you make of that?

In the battle of the sexes my wife and I have a truce...no armistice or treaty...just a long held truce, 33 years and counting:)

They're just freaking nuts, they have to be, otherwise the species might not survive. If it was left up to men they might eat the next generation instead of nurture and put up with it... 99% kidding :)

Men have always been used like tools and dollars and women have always been objectified and sexually abused... we've done it to each other and others have done it to us.

IMESHO (In My Ever So Humble Opinion :) women use food and sex as weapons or at least for leverage in our negotiations... but that's okay, it's a lot better than guns and knives!

Don't expect your spouse to pay attention to you unless she's scheming or in defense mode... which is basically all time, I'm joking, JOKING!

Even if someone seems clueless, they may instinctively comprehend your intentions...

My computers messed up again I think it's Ladyfingers Siri censoring me at the moment

Hugely instinctive which is okay in many respects but frequently fooled by charlatans. Those instincts include compassion which has led to our prison system which coddles killers... crime keeps getting worse. Love of strong men, since they can protect and be manipulated... at times but that often backfires. Ultimately wants to rule and for all to live according to the laws of the society which should be live a bee hive. Men want freedom, women are willing to let you go but only after draining and using you or your resources up. Men become complicit as soon as they're on the payroll and pure democracy fuels these abuses.

Women are a wild and wooly bunch, sweet as can be much of the time but there are times when their mischief must be stymied... men are good too but there are times their schemes must be stopped by any means possible.

Many social engineers teach that men and women are virtually the same, but I hope we're different. For me their re-write takes the fun out of gender relations. I don't want to think of a woman as nothing more than a man with a vagina and I'm surprised that women would want to think of men as nothing different than women with a penis. Viva la difference, we aren't drones and workers in a hive... equal yes, the same no!

The prettier the face, smaller the bosom theory could be complicated by the fact that the larger the bosom, the less time a woman feels she needs to spend on her face...kind of like being blonde.

You're the flame I'm the month so I'm drawn to you...no reason for me to apologize or be ashamed, just to control myself and not be a jerk or criminal.

Despite the way we sometimes feel about them, arguably women are more rational than men, at least in a beehive sense as opposed to an individual liberty sense and to them that makes sense.

"For Birds of Paradise the females are the evolutionary decision makers"... NGWLD. I guess it's a lot like that throughout the natural world and the males of most species are clueless or largely helpless to challenge Mom Nature's system. Human males however have fought the system tooth and nail throughout history... funny that it's only been in the last 100 or so years they've lost the will to fight her... as Goethe said...

IMO male and female sex drives are driven by different forces and factors. The female drive changes more over time than the male's. Young women are usually pursued if not harassed leading to less urgency on their part to pursue it, they also have to deal more directly with the consequences of pregnancy. As older adults many women seem to have a renewed desire for sex, maybe because they've learned how to more successfully have orgasms and maybe because they don't want to lose this tool which for much of their life made them in demand. Most men's sex drives diminishes a bit mostly because we eventually become unable to perform at a credible level without the assistance of Viagra etc. In any case the males sex drive seems to me to be largely primal, while the woman's is shaped by various other forces as well, including maintaining relationships, standing in society etc.

IMO, women are more susceptible to silver tongue devils and lying bastards than men and men are more susceptible to beauty as a tool of deceit. IMO all men can be silver tongued, lying bastards but @*(#% men are at the extreme end of that bell curve... and the preponderance of #4&+@ women raising their children offers some proof. @*(#% also seem to be considered the epitome of masculinity by women... hmmm, guess it's somewhat a case of nature at work.

It's amazing what a guy will do just to get laid once a week :), I'm sure the ladies have their own version of this story...

I'm saying I mostly love you for your mind, really... can you say the same for me?

Did you ever notice that the ladies are always mad at us ...except when they aren't and that's because_____ :)

She wants to be your only vessel but she only wants to be that when she's in the mood and therein lies the rub. You might be in the mood when she isn't and she resents you going it alone. She seems to want to be in control because apparently she fears losing control. Women won't agree with this interpretation... they might say they just want loyalty and exclusivity but the fact that she wants it on her terms and we want it on ours, leads to that ancient battle.

I hear female comedian saying that it's unfair that if you're a 25 year old female you're an old maid but if you're a 90 year old man you're a catch. She's exaggerating to make a point but women do seem to want to fix flukes of nature through legislation. I don't think it

can be fixed that way unless you lobotomize us, which I don't think they'd mind doing and were stupid enough to allow it!

It's been going on forever and atrocities have been committed, mostly by men. That should never happen but neither should man capitulate via the ballot. Women have been utterly tenacious, especially about and keeping the family unit together and they've been a huge reason that humankind diverged from the apes. We reached this advanced point in civilization because of their demands, our desire to satisfy those demands and our quest for you know what :) (Smiley face means I'm not ashamed to say it.)

and they're not about to give up, so let's make things fair but we should resist being ruled...never. There tenacity i

10 years ago she was piping hot unfortunately things have changed... I don't mean you my dear.

Yes, we are drawn to you like moths to the flame as we feel we have a job to do... make you heavy with child. Understandably your job seems to be frustrate my attempts so you can find a better man or whatever. Your tactics include making me heavy with food...which slows me down and keeps you light enough on your feet to make the right decision... it's an age old game and you use your assets to accomplish your objective as we use ours. Funny how food plays a part from the git go, but eventually it's mostly what you have left... along with money, so you tend to be frugal.

"She" that's all you have to say when a guy friend asks why you handled an issue between you and your lady a certain way. To expand, you could add "she wants to know who, what, where, why, how much etc." The point being that ladies seem want to know everything about everyone although to some extent this is a bell curve issue.

Ladies are like hot fudge sundaes, hot, sweet and sticky... they're like cupcakes too. I say this because on TV this morning a group of young mothers was discussing how hygiene suffers after delivery... one said she was leaking from everywhere and mentioned dry milk all over the place:)

When someone puts a bell around your neck, hamstrings and want's to castrate you they shouldn't get your vote, they should get the boot.

They're the funniest little things and the sweetest of the sweet but don't do them wrong, they're relentless when scorned!

Fortunately for men, women aren't as superficial as us, they don't just look at looks they also look at salaries and things like that... I don't blame them.

When your wife says what did you do today, she may be interested or she may be grading you...which I don't like but she has her reasons.

The funny thing is, they think they're completely normal and we're the weirdos :)

Men and women are programmed to mess with each other. Women dress beautifully to look nice for themselves, other women or for men but they end up mostly attracting men whether they're trying to or not. This leads to catcalls and unwanted attention but it's also been accidentally effective for thousands of years for perpetuation of the species.

Unfortunately it too often happens forcibly which is a remnant of prehistoric times, which is intolerable but largely preventable. The prevention aspect shouldn't require women to dress plainly, it should rely on men controlling themselves and enforcement there of. That being said, there must also be protection from the occasional false accusation.

Saying this tongue-in-cheek but as far as men are concerned women are toys and as far as women are concerned men are tools. Another way of saying it is they see us as props and we see them as playthings... does this fall under nature or nurture?

I'll take a real woman over a fembot any day but I'd like equal treatment under the law which to me means tweaking the child custody and community property laws. Under the current system the man is a weakling under nature he's not.

Feminism represents order but less freedom maleness represents less order but more freedom... I say take your pick, they intend to pick for you and pure democracy makes that not only a possibility but a reality.

Woman mustn't rule man but she intends to, man shouldn't rule woman but he tries.

It's debatable if the story of Adam and Eve's an accurate account of human creation but the serpent-apple incident shows that the battle of the sexes started a long time ago!

Dang they were hot! Then I saw them up close and realized they were just skinny brown haired girls, which is exactly what I like! Once again pretty girls had put one over on me which is fine... it's seems to be what they like doing and what we seem to like being done. But honestly fellows and with all due respect to the ladies, why are we allowing ourselves to be ruled by people who spend an hour deciding what to wear and another hour making up their faces? In the distant future we could end up living in tunnels like ants or watching the female workers collect nectar from flowers while we spend our lives like drones.

Who can say; little and stinky and sweet, hot sweet and sticky and little naughty people:) obviously I'm a very bedfellow! (thanks autocorrect)

I would never, ever want anything bad to happen to my wife, nor would I want a younger woman other than maybe in my dreams, but I can't tell you why:)

Legislating relationships is only the beginning you don't stop there! You also use every trick in the book and new ones that are being discovered all the time... but that's okay, like us you're just playing the hand you were dealt :)

Women should not rule men, nor should men rule women... It's okay for women to govern men and hold any government office as long as that's office doesn't give the man or woman the power to rule instead of govern. Any elected or appointed office should be designed and practiced in a manner that upholds a society's constitution and protect the people's rights and the office holder must act accordingly or be removed.

Just listen to Lourdes', "Let me be your ruler (ruler), You can call me queen bee And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule Let me live that fantasy", Meghan Trainor's "Dear Future Husband" (crazy talk and some good advice too), Walk the Moon's Shut Up and Dance With Me and lots of other songs, or just walk around the mall with your eyes open and you might realize what fools we are...

As I walk around the mall I try to look in the windows and take some interest in the products in the shops but it's useless, the only thing I'm interested in are the people walking around except when I walk by Victoria's Secret... sorry:)

Another difference between my wife and me is that she wants she seems to want items while I want actions... if you know what I mean :)

The look on hair color models face is familiar to me, as I've seen one like it on my wife's face. I don't know what it means but women have looks that mean certain things which other women understand but leaves most of us men scratching our heads :)

In our day to day power struggles it's often un-necessary to play one's cards... just showing them can achieve lifelong 'results'

showing them can achieve a lifetime result.

I'm neither a post or in support of premarital sex or abstinence and don't think either one is superior specially in a day and age when people don't get married to their 30 or 40 it's a natural desire and I don't find people morally superior putting it off because you're doing everything else that other people do good and bad

Young men observe the behavior of the women around you and watch some nature shows to see how females in the wild behave for additional insight. If you can handle it get married and I suggest you give it a try difficult as it may seem... ditto for the girls.

I'm not saying that women should be subjugated, treated anything less than equal or crushed, I'm just saying anybody who would lord over somebody else needs to be

constrained be they male or female and the means to lord over others should not be allowed or facilitated by the law.

They may not care if they rule you personally as long as there are lots of rules in place to keep you in your place, be they instituted by government, religion, society or whatever. People are to be worker bees or soldier ants and there should be a democracy not a republic... another words the majority should lord over all others, a constitution is a waste and they are the majority. This is the natural thing for them to want and I can't really blame them. The ladies need help because together with us babies are made and too often we abandon them so what do you expect?

Arguably women have always traded sex for a relationship with men. For the woman that relationship has been mostly for protection from other men and for resources for her children which she would be likely to have regardless of whether or not she had a faithful man at her side. Over some period of time in the distant past making the meals became another tool in women's arsenal to keep men hanging around. With the advent of democracy and majority rule, women gradually realized that they didn't have to submit per the man's sex schedule, she could be in charge of that. There's nothing wrong with that except that a women's desire for sex is generally less than a man's. With majority rule and a legal system that protects the majority's decisions, women consciously or unconsciously began to not only control the frequency in which they submitted to sex but they also did their best to make sure their men didn't indulge sexually elsewhere in which case they could sue for divorce and take the man's property. On top of that, some or many women get angry if a man masturbates so even that outlet is also "under attack." Granted, in consideration of the woman's feelings a man probably shouldn't do it in front of her unless she doesn't mind but since she very likely does mind, it leads to a dilemma of sorts. Women are on their way to making men drones in a beehive ruled by a queen and most men seem foolish enough to actually enforce this scenario against themselves and live in a state of house arrest. The future may see the emerging beehive society become institutionalized or men may rebel or an increasing number of men will opt for the model of fathering children with multiple women and flying below radar or taking their chances with the law if they're caught. So far this last scheme has largely been the domain of the Jay Williams of the world but it may eventually come to a store near you.

Women want men to honor the marriage covenant but how many women willingly submit to their husbands in the bedroom or anywhere else? Instead they're too tired busy or just too independent. That would be fine except they seek control over how often the couple had sex and are upset if the man takes matters into his own hands:) If women want men to uphold the ancient covenant, they need to uphold it too. Maybe careers should come second to husbands and children and the admonishment to be fruitful and multiply should be taken seriously. As it now stands, the good are being replaced by the who have very

little work ethic but fully understand being fruitful...meanwhile the law abiding, hardworking are so intent on having a career they have no time to multiply.

Women don't necessarily have to commit violent crimes themselves, as there're usually men around willing to do it for them for a price. Men on the other hand tend to commit violent crimes themselves or use the services of the same low-life's that women use.

Every woman is a feminist and a women's liber, be she Republican, Democrat an Isis slave wife or anyone in between. The only difference is the rights called for versus the rights already won and like with most issues they deserve many of them and others basically amount special treatment under the law.

The feminists would have a point when they say hetero sex is an act of violence against women, if it only resulted in boy babies but since girl babies are conceived the same way there's a bit of a monkey wrench in their logic... but I don't disagree completely.

The problem with feminists as I see it is that they don't want to tweak the system unless it results in further gains for them...

In recent years we've worried about robots taking over but fembots have been trying to do that since time immemorial. Like men, women are little robots programmed to succeed. Men have largely been in control and women have been trying to wrest that away and are succeeding mightily. Even though many women believe Eve was made from Adam's rib and the scriptures that so many of them teach that woman was meant to be man's mate, they're doing their best to twist that twisted message to their own ends and who can blame them?

It seems unfair that comely young women are of such great interest to man and old women of such little interest. Older women know this full well and do their best to reverse the ravages of time, young women are far from clueless and do their best to leverage their attributes to their advantage... all the while our dear ladies, painted and plucked demand to be respected solely on the basis of "merit."

Another difference between men and women is that we're usually trying to manipulate women short term, like for one night but due to their biological imperative they would like to exercise a degree of control over us for the rest of our lives:-)

Hate to be crass but dating is a lot like fishing if you're a man. You cast the bait and throw the fish back if you don't want it. Meanwhile you never know exactly when a keeper'll go for the worm :)

Maybe that's why so many species have a mating season and other than that the sexes live apart

What about if the natural world hurts were real democratically so instead of the stallion being in charge of the herd of mayors they went out about him every time and everything would eventually turn into a beehive and we would all be just part of this big organism like the woman on the radio the other day was saying it's finally come to a point where we all just have to fit in is the cells in this big organism called the earth well that's fine if she wants to some of us would rather not. Getting back to their herds I see nothing wrong with the mayors controlling their destiny but nature does not seem to think that is workable and human society however democracy and the preponderance of votes allows Women to run things increasingly and eventually totally at this rate

Reluctantly I would rather live apart from women then by the ruled by them but that's not an option. We should tweak the system so we can continue to live together otherwise who knows? It's also not entirely relevant to point out that the natural world has solved this problem by having mating seasons:)

"Some love is just a lie of the soul, a constant battle for the ultimate state of control"...

Billy Joel

"She'll lie and steal and cheat,

And beg you from her knees...

She'll tear a hole in you, the one you can't repair

But I still love her, I don't really care" - The Lumineers

**"He was a hardheaded man, he was brutally handsome and she was terminally pretty"...
The Eagles**

"This malovec chick just put my spine out of place"... David Bowie

"She wonders how it ever got this crazy, She thinks about a boy she knew in school, Did she get tired or did she just get lazy? She's so far gone she feels just like a fool"... Eagles

"My love is vengeance that's never free"... The Who

"I'm not looking for a love that'll last I know what I need and I need it fast"... Foreigner

"You probably wouldn't remember I probably couldn't forget"...Steve Miller Band

“Your heart sweats, your body shakes, another kiss is what it takes,

**You can't sleep, you can't eat, There's no doubt, you're in deep, Whoa, you like to think
that you're immune to the stuff, oh yeah it's closer to the truth to say you can't get enough**

You know you're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to love”...Robert Palmer

“Big black boots,

long brown hair,

she's so sweet

with her get back stare”... The Jets

**“We are young, Heartache to heartache we stand, No promises, no demands, love is a
battlefield”... Pat Benatar (Michael Donald Chapman, Holly Knight)**

“We belong to the light

We belong to the thunder

We belong to the sound of the words

We've both fallen under

Whatever we deny or embrace

For worse or for better

We belong, we belong

We belong together”... Pat Benatar (Daniel Anthony Navarro, David Eric Lowen)

“You say to me I don't talk enough But when I do I'm a fool”... EMF

“Who would believe you were a beauty indeed

When the days get shorter and the nights get long

Lie awake when the rain comes

Nobody will know, when you're old

When you're old, nobody will know

that you was a beauty, a sweet sweet beauty

A sweet sweet beauty, but stone stone cold"... Rolling Stones

Of course you may not care...

Bee Hives and Ant Colonies

Women's general interest in big government is an extension of their interest in a big society to protect them. Be it a tribe, clan or whatever they want and need protection from predatory males which is easiest to achieve through social organization and women lobby through voting, religion, the girlish arts etc. for greater "organization." Men are more likely to enjoy the lone wolf life or at least to opt for independence and greater personal freedom and that runs contrary to what a girl wants.

What if the natural world was a pure democracy? Mares would run the herd instead of the stallion, lionesses instead of lions etc. and maybe that would work or be a good thing... and maybe not.

Those who brought us Equal pay for equal work and now lobbying for equal pay for comparable work in the name of fairness of course. Meanwhile right to die legislation has passed in some states so that if two doctors determine you're mentally competent, you can 'decide' to euthanize yourself. That's OK some of the time but a slippery slope when greedy heirs stand to inherit your estate. And the current 'piece de resistance' is that it may soon just take a psychologist or shrink to say you're a threat to society for you to lose your Second Amendment rights... think of the anti-gun shrinks on TV and multiply that by thousands... we have entered the beehive and we may not be coming out :)

Bell Curves and Hard Wires

I certainly don't believe in a master race and I'm almost as incredulous of a chosen people but I do believe in bell curves and minor differences between populations in general. I believe that to a degree some groups tend to be faster at running and other groups tend to be faster at math. I get the feeling that society thinks I'm wrong and racist for saying that

and the only reason for the differences is training and study. I think nature has something to do with it too and there should be nothing wrong in saying so.

Bell curve example; love, passion, lust... depravity.

I believe in that bell curves illustrate and explain many things and when they are unusually skewed it can indicate a problem. For example...when 1% of the people control 90% of the wealth there's something rotten in Denmark and I don't mean in Denmark.

Ben Franklin

Bible

“Anything not in the Bible is iniquity”... Jimmy Evans

The Bible could be telling us exactly how it all happened or could be miles away...

Obviously a book of wisdom but is it the be-all and end-all? Christians insist it's that, skeptics wonder if it's a bit self-serving per the authors who may have been inspired entirely by God or may have had an ax to grind and an agenda to further.

So did Homo-erectus invent stone hand axes one and a half million years ago, or did God create Adam 8,000 years ago? Just wondering

In the King James Version which the Apostolic pastor favored says in Genesis 1:26, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” Does that mean God is plural and looks like a man? How does that affect various denominations beliefs? It doesn't necessarily conflict with Deuteronomy 4:15, “Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire). Apparently Ezekiel in 1:26-28 and John in Revelation 1:14-16 describe the appearance of God... hmmm.

Sometimes I'm New Testament sometimes Old Testament because sometimes they conflict sometimes they agree sometimes they confuse and often they enlighten and illuminate. In spite of that Jesus said he wasn't there to change a jot or tittle, he was there to full fill the law...so some believers try to figure out what he meant... of course the experts are quick to tell them but their answers vary.

When I talk about Old and New Testament confusion, confliction and enlightenment polygamy comes to mind. Some of the patriarchs were polygamists which today is also called bigamy and both are illegal in most US states... never the less, millions of people

practice serial marriage and in their lifetimes are married multiple times... often divorcing without Biblical justification. I can think of reasons and occasions when polygamy should be permitted such as during or after a war if many males are killed, or when a husband dies and a woman is left unmarried and possibly she and/or her children have little means of support...there are other reasons but now bigamy and polygamy are illegal and the very notion is considered bizarre. Meanwhile back at the ranch, same sex marriage is all the rage...

Maybe God didn't think the people in biblical times needed or were ready to know everything and just told them the necessary basics. Maybe it's the same now or maybe it isn't... "maybe" we're ready to hear "the rest of the story."

"God visits iniquity to the third and fourth generation but righteousness to the thousandths"...The Bible

Biblical Archaeology

"Once I rose above the noise and confusion just to get a glimpse of all this illusion"...
Kansas

Fundamentalists are keen to point out how archaeology substantiates some aspects of their religion but will not consider that archaeology also raises some questions though so discoveries are conveniently overlooked and not mentioned

Were the cities of Ubar, Oman 5,000 years old and Gobekli Teki, Turkey? 11,000 years old?

It's not a big deal for many but for the Bible not to acknowledge evolution, pre-history or science in any meaningful way makes me highly skeptical of its veracity.

There are several potential problems with things written in the Bible; did the person it's attributed to really say it, was it translated correctly, are we interpreting it correctly, is it even remotely verifiable and is it the whole truth? For example, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth", which is how the KJV translates Matthew 5:5. The World English Bible translates the passage as, "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." Various writers translate or interpret the key Greek word *οἱ πραεῖς* not as meaning meek but as meaning; happy, easy, quiet, humble or gentle spirit. While these all have similarities to meek they don't exactly mean it. Is it translated correctly and are we interpreting that translation correctly? I bring that one up because I've heard that the meek doesn't really mean the meek as we understand it today.

Bias

Bird World

Breasticisms

“My body is my temple and my temple needs re-decorating”... Joan Rivers

Don't settle for second-breast:)

“I want a perfect body, I want a perfect soul, I want you to notice, When I'm not around”... Radiohead

Britain

Indian parliamentarian Soshee Fiori said, “it's difficult to oppress people for 200 years and then claim credit that they're democratic”, in reference to British control of India. The British interviewer had just remarked that maybe England deserved some credit for Indian being a democracy. He went on to describe the abuses of democracy and human rights that the Indians suffered while under British control and said they weren't democratic until the British had left. The Brits deserve some credit for democracy and lots of criticism for abusing people all over the world commercially and physically under the false flag of civilizing them.

England is Protestant but was; Catholic and before that pagan and Druid. Hmmm, tell us Vicar, are those ancestors of the English saved or burning in hell? Just wondering.

Bugs

“Go to the ant you sluggard, consider its ways and be wise”... Proverbs 6:6

Is it just me or are bugs getting peskier all the time? Most of my wrath is directed at biting insects!

Maybe bugs are the price we pay for having flowers.

A bug flew in my eye in the AM and I eventually forgot about it, my wife noticed a big piece of it still there in the PM yuck!

Why am I walking around the kitchen swatting these fruit flies? It's all the damn Fruit wifey buys:) I think fruit flies are at least as smart as regular flies, which is amazing for something with a brain the size of a pencil dot.

It's fall, the time of year when gigantic flies appear, buzzing aimlessly around the house only to drop dead the next day. A week ago, crunchy inch worms were crawling around but they've disappeared, I think the spiders sucked the little brains out of the ones I didn't kill. I'm taking care of the spiders when I see them and soon the Asian ladybugs will invade and wreak the worst havoc of all!

I've noticed that wasps will sting kids just for the fun of it but they think twice about stinging a grown-ups. Yellow Jackets on the other hand have less sense, or less fear they don't give a damn who they sting.

Business

"Now you're climbing to the top of the company ladder, hope it doesn't take too long, can't you see there'll come a day when it won't matter, come a day when you'll be gone"...

Boston

With the Internet and all these devices "" we're having all kinds of the ability to do all kinds of things very quickly but we are unable to do things quickly when it involves human relations it still take five 1015 minutes to establish even moderate rapport with anyone but when you have to arrive somewhere instantaneously and then get to the next appointment with your GPS you can get there on time but that doesn't mean you'll be any more successful than in the past in fact you'll probably just be a little more frazzled because they expect you to accomplish things more quickly

In business there's no such thing as dropping too many names, as long as you keep them straight:)

Do you want your business to survive and possibly even grow? You have to identify your target market, effectively and economically advertise to make them aware of your services and then provide said service reasonably well.

So I screwed up with another customer but I'm planning a trip to Chicago soon and the question is do I get right back on the horse do I call and try to see them again or do I plan to wait until an appropriate mourning period has passed before calling on them again.

It's better to be in over your head then only up to your ankles.

People remember how you acted almost as much as they remember how good of a job you did, so be a gentleman.

Capitalism

The U.S. was partly built on Southern capitalism, where many whites from every class in society wanted the chance to live like a plantation owner. To that end, they were apparently willing to send their sons to fight for the slaveholding plantation owner class. This system corrupted the south just as the north was corrupted by the desire of whites from every class desiring to be as wealthy as the industrialists and financiers who ruled their lives. In both cases and as usual, the richest 1% made the rules which mostly benefitted themselves and their heirs and the rest of society fought to perpetuate the scheme in hopes of eventually mostly benefitting themselves and their heirs.

I don't like our current system of unfettered crony capitalism because it tends to put most of the capital in the hands of an ever decreasing percentage of the population. Money steers the ship of state and buys government policies, so it's better to spread money out. As the rich get richer, the rules perpetuating that more and more embedded and institutionalized. When big money has the steering wheel they make it impossible to bridle them, so that ever decreasing percentage of the population steers the ship of state increasingly in the direction of their own self-interest.

Standardization might be the solution to monopolization Facebook should have competition but it should be a standardized format just like the Internet. There are numerous providers of Internet service around the world but only one Facebook and two or three barely competitive social networks in the western world. The same goes for cars just his blinkers are always on the left of your steering wheel there standardize make standardization across the board that way you get rid of the argument that these huge monopolies are necessary=

Is it possible that capitalism seems to work because its proponents control the international banking system? If they could be communist and still exert the same level of control on international finance, would they would be coming to us because after all they do seem to want to redistribute everybody else's money it's not their own. I think they seek a hybrid system, agile enough for them to create money out of thin air, grant or deny loans to whoever they want and remain the superpower army's paymaster... just a thought.

I spend a lot of time complaining about Bill Gates and have said some pretty nasty things but really it's mostly the learning curve that makes me mad. Once you learn computers if you keep learning all the new things I probably should be thank him... hmmm.

Charity

“There are four rules in life; be kind, be kind, be kind, be kind.”... Henry James

“Like clouds and wind without rain is one who boasts of gifts never given”...Proverbs 25:14

Children (young and old)

“Discipline your son... do not be a willing party to his death”... Proverbs 19:18

“I was the last child just a punk in the street”... Aerosmith

Take a freaking chance on life my children it may be a freaking disaster and certainly there will be times when it is a disaster but if you don't try you'll be missing out on the greatest gift there is a family!

He's a chip off the old block, I just don't know which one:)

To my kids; marry someone with a good head on their shoulders... we've got enough brawn, but you can never have too many brains.

That apple didn't fall from the tree and I think it landed right on Mom's head:)

The system just needs to be tweaked, not completely revamped just tweaked. There seem to be “straws that break the camel's back” and lead to some men going crazy and beating or murdering the mothers of their children.

If we could figure out if there are actual injustices that make that happen and tweak the child custody system a little it could save lives. If there are no such injustices then so be it but I know of men who've lived in fear of losing their kids and being shut out of their lives...that's not good. Is there some little thing that can make the system fair without capitulating to unreasonable demands by the fathers? If so let's make the system better. If however women want complete and utter control, then the pendulum will inevitably swing

back and whack them hard. If women are willing to make reasonable compromises the the system might be improved and everyone will be a little happier.

I don't remember exactly how I felt about my parents when growing up and don't know exactly how my kids feel about me but I think that's likely to be how their kids will feel about them... call it poetic justice or the circle of life :)

What's a parents job...getting kids through childhood or getting them through life and does it make a difference whether or not they did a "good job" when the kids were young? Just wondering.

I interpreted something's that happened as meaning that I would be hamstrung as a father maybe I was reading into it too much maybe you didn't mean that at all maybe I hamstrung myself

If you become parents maybe you'll do things better than we did but like this you're probably face difficulties and monkey wrenches being thrown into the works from all over the place

Watch out for the belly biting bear:)

Or maybe you can find help or salvation through Jesus or another religious savior. You can even contact Savage or Rush and see if they can recommend a therapist in this area, there's nothing wrong with that and it may be better to find someone other than the people you actually know since it will be more private.

"Their immune to your consultation they're quite aware what they're going through"... Bowie That's fine and to some extent natural but if they're are immune to the wisdom of all the seasoned folks around them, they've got a problem.

The silverware's all wrong:) I asked her to put it away and I've never seen such a mess. It was organized but not ridiculously, so how is it that such a smart girl put it away like a hurricane? I wonder if she did it to bedevil me :)

I'm pretty sure that giving you too many breaks does you more harm than good...

They say the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world so maybe more men should rock cradles. A man overly influenced by his mother should not rule man any more than women should rule us.

I'm not saying you should or shouldn't have kids it's up to you, just saying number one I have a desire for them and second feel an obligation to have them. Having children's something I wouldn't want to miss out on even though they call it the toughest job you'll ever have... IMO it's also the most rewarding.

How many children do you know who would say, "I wish I was never born" and how many parents do you know who would say, "I wish I never had that kid." In both cases it's probably about one in a hundred thousand. Meanwhile our friends tell us experiences they've had with their dying relatives seeing loved ones on the other side. I wonder if they're really seeing "the other side" and are our deceased relatives watching us? I don't know if we have an obligation to continue the line for them, I think it's a personal decision and I'm glad I had children.

I hope you guys will keep calling me but in the next five to ten years I hope you both find mates because that's who you should be talking to the most. I hope you don't miss the boat, never find a mate and be like those who expect siblings, parents or friends to take the place of a spouse, girl friend or boyfriend. There's a price to pay for having any of those, it's not always a walk in the park but it's worth the effort and the rewards outweigh the problems. In a sense it's never too late but there's also no time like the present, as long as you're ready and I don't mean perfectly ready because that may never happen.

Go ahead get married and have kids. Maybe things will work, maybe they won't but even failure will be worth while compared to not trying at all!

I forgot the exact nature of last month's Speedway receipts but in my defense I had a lot on my mind. Talking to dad about his bills almost daily, spread sheets at global trade that don't add up, never ending bills to pay and a few other things I won't get into:)

"There's still time to change the path you're on"... Led Zeppelin

"When I was a child I had a fever and my head felt just like two balloons now I have that feeling once again"...Pink Floyd

China

"But if you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao you ain't going to make it with anyone anyhow"... The Beatles

I don't think that China has been conquered since it's in Dynasty United it in about 1000 BC? Correct me if I'm wrong. And I don't think it's been conquered or fully occupied since the Mongols tried Japanese tried the British may have tried all failed. They may have occupied some of it but they never completely conquered the country. Dynasties of changed and institutional forms of government of things but China has always been largely is not completely independent. I can think of no other countries I can say that what does that mean?

It's early 2015 and if you pay \$ 495 for the Ridgid brand five piece rechargeable tool set versus \$ 259 for the Ryobi which comes with six tools, you'll be supporting an American company but both are making these tools in China. At the moment Ridgid's owned by Emerson Electric, DeWalt by Stanley Black and Decker, Ryobi and Milwaukee brand tools by a Hong Kong conglomerate founded by a German and a Chinese and Bosch is German. These companies make most of their tools in the usual places; China, Mexico, Malaysia etc., while their high end tools if they have any might be made in the U.S., Germany or Japan.

The largest shareholder for both Emerson Electric and Stanley Black and Decker is the Vanguard Group, Inc. with the other usual institutional investment companies not far behind. So when Joe six-pack buys American he may be supporting some American jobs but he's mostly supporting low paid Asian or Mexican workers and American investors ranging from grandma to the 1%'ers.

The American General said he doesn't understand or observe or recognize China's so-called 2000-year-old claim to the Island. But of course he recognizes Israel's 2000 or 3000-year-old claim to Palestine i'm sure he'd have a good reason excuse or whatever...It reminds me of how we cherry pick the UN resolutions that will support

If the armies of God destroy a 200 million man army of the "Kings of the East" (Revelation 16:12) that will really be something prophecy wise...

Civilization

"It is the responsibility of civilization to defend itself"... Nicolas Sarkozy

Is it ironic that the chapter on civilization comes after the one on church...probably not.

If and when robots take over, let's hope they're humane if not human. Heck some might become religious... wouldn't that be a twist, or would that be twisted.

We're polite enough to say we don't think we're right all the time but we don't act that way. Instead be it individuals or countries, we behave like we're right all the time. As far as polar opposites whoever they are we/they might want to walk as far away from each other as possible but instead we often demand that others change their ways to conform to ours... funny thing we usually do it when we're in the position of strength.

"This whole damn world can fall apart you'll be OK follow your heart"... New Radicals

Climate Change

What are you more certain of my environmentalist friend... that climate change is real, that the Bible is false, or are you equally certain of both?

Competition

"I understand about indecision

But I don't care if I get behind

People living in competition

All I want is to have my peace of mind"... Boston

The world is competition and the players include; cults, religions, paradigms, societies, species, races, genders etc. At the core is chemistry and strands of DNA that drive us to propagate successfully, survive and hopefully to thrive in a world of limited resources. Along the way thinkers have realized that when everyone is successful then most of us are okay. Success can come through cooperation, charity and altruism or via violence and bullying. Regardless of the system in place, there are monkey wrenches thrown into the works from time to time or continuously in the form of mother-nature and human nature... its makes for quite the drama for those on high to look down upon:)

Jockeying for position has a lot more to do with life than with horses...

I've nothing against competition if the field's level and doesn't lead to total defeat which can be extinction in some case. Meanwhile I have a hard enough time competing without other's benefiting from quotas or silver spoons.

Conflict and War

"We're beating plowshares into swords for this tired old man that we elected king"...The Eagles

"In the daylight we laughed in the nighttime we cried"... Vietnamese journalist

"It's not that we don't care. We just know that the fight isn't fair. So we keep on waiting. Waiting on the world to change"... John Mayer

"Casting the lot settles disputes and keep strong opponents apart"... Proverbs 18:17

"It is well that war is so terrible, lest we should grow too fond of it"... Robert E. Lee

"Kill 'em, kill 'em all"... Stonewall Jackson (When asked what to do about the Union soldier's looting of Fredericksburg.)

People at both ends of an argument usually have too much to lose to easily compromise. They should probably be peacefully retired, allowing people closer to the middle to try

hammering out a deal. Members of the silent majority have less face or whatever to lose than devotees of extreme positions.

If German mothers had demanded of their sons that they not fight for Hitler and thrown themselves in front of his tanks instead of adoring him, their sons wouldn't have rotted on the fields of Kursk and in the ruins of Stalingrad, and they and their daughters wouldn't have been raped and ravaged by Russian troops when Germany fell. What if anything have American mothers learned from this tragic period of history? Nothing if you ask me. I wonder if German mothers had rioted, would Hitler have ordered his troops to murder them and would German boys have kill their mothers for der Fuhrer? I hope not but the scenario never materialized because German mothers were fooled by Hitler and today American mothers seem no more aware, or interested in the astonishingly relevant details of past history than German mothers were... and so history's tragic episodes repeat and repeat.

Is preemptive war justifiable? Probably not the way it's being practiced...

Reportedly we used white phosphorous bombs in Iraq because we plan to win... and will do so at any cost, it's business as usual.

If you're going to clamor for war and for bombing people all over the world, at least be willing to chip in a few bucks in other words please pay your taxes...

So it's wrong to spray a wasp in the mailbox but it's okay to drop phosphorus bombs on Iraqi, including civilians... What goes around comes around

There are differing worldviews that are barely compatible and some that seem utterly incompatible. In the latter case the affected people might want to move poles away from each other. If they do have encounters they should respectfully give each other a wide berth. I think humans have practiced this for eons with some success but inevitably like-mindedness only tends to last a short time. Groups seeking to form utopian societies with a people of similar worldviews often find that their children's generation will have a significant number of people who don't embrace said view... if it even survives that long.

I have loved ones on both sides who vote for and finance directly or otherwise war against each other's religions. They both think the other side's going to hell and probably all think I'm headed there... because I don't believe what they do... freedom of religion's unimportant to them conquest, victory and saving the world's soul is their goal, even if they have to kill 99% to do it.

Without a doubt you can be ignorant and unintelligent but there're almost as many people who are intelligent but for one reason or another ignorant.

We are a warring nation and we live by the sword. I've been around almost 60 years and probably half of those years we've been fighting wars or engaged in some kind of "police action" somewhere. We've also had troops stationed in dozens of foreign countries all those years. Now they're telling us that the taxpayers are paying for the "salute to troops" and "home-town heroes" at NFL games etc. Harris asks do you care and her panel doesn't. In fact Ms. Harris asks how there could even be another side to the question. Well in many towns you're better off not questioning such taxpayer sponsored events. My objection isn't so much with saluting the troops (yes I said isn't so much with saluting the troops) instead it's with my perception that by saluting the troops you are de facto also saluting the policies of slaying monsters around the world for special interest groups.

I would not for a split second defend; Radical Islam or Japan and Germany in WWII but I think Westerner governments whose foreign policies seem founded on a belief that they're sanctified by God and doing his work may be way off base.

The war that took more lives than any in our history was World War II. On the eastern front tens of millions of Russians and Germans died either directly or indirectly from the war. Russia and Germany were both historically Christian nations although their leaders arguably were not. I think Hitler and Stalin interacted with their country's major Christian denominations on various levels to dupe, silence or coopt them. This horrible war killed more people, mostly people who probably called themselves Christians than any other war in history. WW II was largely ended by an alliance of other Christian nations, led by; America and Great Britain. The Japanese of course were not Christians and that part of the carnage is a somewhat separate matter.

World War I was a little different because this devastating war was fought as far as I know almost entirely between Christian nations other than Turkey and the greatest losses was between the Christian professing nations of Germany, France and England. I'm not sure what these things tell us other than that Christians certainly can put together incredible war machines.

Arguably our surgeons still can't fix a hip properly but we can put a drone 60,000 feet up for 30 hours and blast anything we want to smithereens... nice (not.)

It doesn't surprise or bother me that many Americans think we're doing God's work even when it involves bombing people. What bothers me is that so many don't seem to be troubled in the least by the mayhem and death.

The West had quite a problem with the Japanese, because they were willing to commit suicide attacks for their emperor but they may have an even greater problem with Muslim extremists who seem almost anxious to die for their leaders because they believe they're dying for God and will be rewarded by going straight to paradise and getting all those

virgins... But have no fear just as we figured out a technical solution to the Japanese problem we'll find a technical solution to the jihadis won't we?

We're loath to admit it but all societies kill members of other societies in what we call wars. Some societies do it in a highly organized manner and devote great resources to make advanced weapons. A few societies still "rely" on machetes etc. but the goals are the same - defense or offense. Getting our way or repelling others who would "have their way" with us.

When people say that it was atheist regimes that killed 135 million people in the 20th century I would say they work Chris they were releasing religionist countries with a personality: leaders who were trying to replace the existing personality cults. Germany is the birthplace of Protestantism Russian orthodox Christianity Russian Orthodox risk any time of confusion of largest Buddhist nation and the people of these nations didn't lose their religion they just followed because they were terrorized by the new personality Cults but their religion did not prevent them from creating these atrocities. Thanks God the Hitler, Stalin, Mao cults didn't win... whether we have Christianity or the Magna Carta etc. to thank for that is a good question...

Men of means tend to own a means of self-defense...used to be sword, bow or dagger, now it's a gun.

Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes George Washington may have liked our preemptive style of warfare but that's one hammer Andrew Jackson or somebody said and they didn't mind that's how they fought their wars they didn't go overseas and while we're at it why don't we let other people fight their own battles?

Other than the American Revolution and the War of 1812 I can't think of any other wars I could have gotten excited about... World War II would be the next closest and probably even more necessary on a world-wide basis... and I'm not sure yet about World War III.

War is how we get to know each other... sometimes it leads to a beautiful friendship like the U.S. and Britain sometimes to ugly centuries long feuds like the Arabs and Israelis...

The report said 3 to 4 million Vietnamese were injured or killed by agent orange, including the children and grandchildren of those who were directly in contact with this dioxin like substance. We have strict regulations about dioxins here and it's appalling if the report that we sprayed 20 million gallons of it on Vietnam is true. When other people's lives are meaningless, spraying their land with dioxin or bombing them with napalm and cluster bombs is apparently okay...we have lived by the sword□

Let's stop doing this kind of stuff unless it's purely in self-defense and let's stop emulating characters played by John Wayne and Clint Eastwood who say things like they never killed

anyone who didn't need killing. That's no way to you run a country and no way for a super power to act... even if the world is a lot like the wild-west.

You say that if we hadn't used; nukes, napalm, cluster bombs, agent orange and the rest, they would've use it against us and that's almost certainly true but it's also true that we are the ones that used them the most and in the case of nukes the only ones so far who've ever used them. The reason may have been to save American and Japanese lives or it may have been to send a message to the Russians and to be sure that Japan surrendered unconditionally... I hope what goes around doesn't come around over our wars.

In the movies John Wayne said, "I never killed a man who didn't deserve it." That's approximately what a lot of people who've killed have said. A few are right and some are wronger than others and those who've killed often are unlikely to be right 100% percent of the time.

I think it has less to do with this group of people or that group of people and more with us being humans and humans being just a few steps above Chimps. This isn't meant to insult anyone:), it's to point out that despite all our flowery language, when you get right down to it, it's still largely about dominance, submission, territory and mates.

I believe in God but I don't support any organized religions because from where I stand they seem to be at least a contributing factor in almost all wars. Their right up there with competition over resources, which is also a terrible reason for people to kill each other.

War may never end but might decline when the result is a negative instead of positive cash flow.

In the film clip from the 60's, Graham Nash said people over 40 start world wars and that's probably true... but people under 40 do most of the killing, many of them with zeal.

We don't need men's liberation or women's liberation, we need human liberation and for starters we need to reach some kind of consensus on that liberation even means. Next maybe we can try to decide how to achieve universal human liberation and that may be even dicier. Liberate you but don't shackle others.

The lady in line said thank you so much to the man behind her for "paying it forward" and I admit that's very nice! I wonder though if he votes for bombs? Just curious, or should I be looking gift horses in the mouth and questioning good deeds?

No wonder we keep having wars when so many gets their news from only one source... if you get all your news from Huckabee you've probably been for war for years and the same holds if you get all your news from those he keeps warning us against. They both seem to have a vested interest in the Apocalypse and we're likely to get ti.

Once your nation's embarked on war, you need to join the effort, leave the country or become a Conscientious objector.

Becoming a Christian is an excellent way to mend our ways but parents still lie for their kids when charged with a crime, headless bodies may have been found in the rubble of Gaza, we probably blew up school kids in Hiroshima possibly more to scare Russia then to avoid an invasion of Japan, etc. Ghandi...tell us how it is.

You can be unbeatable and successfully storm every bastion but that may not mean you're always right and though you don't exactly say that, it's what I hear.

When you get right down to it, a religious war's a religious war and it doesn't matter if a Christian's Catholic or Protestant, liberal or conservative or if a Muslim's is Sunni, Shia, secular or fundamentalist. People almost invariably side with their side and when a superpower fans the flames you get a bigger fire and possibly an apocalyptic conflagration.

Humans are the most murderous species this planet has ever produced yet most people either disagree or say it's necessary because other humans have long memories and when done wrong they want revenge. The only solution I can see is to leave this planet and set up some kind of society that hopefully will do better peace wise and then come back in 1,000 years after the inhabitants of the planet have; straightened out, kill each other or maybe it will be business as usual. Caveat emptor... and if the space pioneers haven't killed each other too.

Most of these conflicts and wars are nuanced to various degrees and a few of them are not nuanced at all... take your pick. Ever hear of Nuance? Didn't think so:)

You're chosen, he's the master race, and they're better off and these are just the groups I know of... geez, it's no wonder we can't live in peace.

It seems like the higher the form of a religion is, the more prone to violence it is. Sunni fundamentalists are the most violent in the world and America which has more fundamentalist Christians than most developed countries also has one of the highest crime rates. In the Christian world our crime rate may only be exceeded by certain African countries where Christian fundamentalist vie for power with Catholics, Muslims and practioners of native religions. Christian Europe with its lower level of fundamentalism is less violent as is Japan where Buddhism generally isn't fanatically practiced as Fairledge as Fairledge has him some other classes. Meanwhile some of the most oppressive countries are officially atheist like North Korea and these tend to have their own religions in the form of personality cults.

It can be argued that the most violent societies have been Christian, at least traditionally. If you look at Germany and Russia in World War II, their armies probably killed the most

people in the history of humankind. These were traditionally Christian nations that fell under the; control, spell or influence of terrible atheist leaders who instituted personality cults that somehow trumped Christian values and influence... perhaps base human nature was stimulated by the monstrosities that ruled those lands.

In times of strife you better be armed to the teeth and ready Freddy and Betty, or be prepared to die at the hands of the wicked. If you're a believer they say its okay for that to happen and I can't disagree.

And whether were supporting Israel against Palestinians or a hundred 50 years ago when we were massacring entire Indian villages it's business as usual for the human race. The Indians reportedly fought each other and fought white settlers as well and it's was usually over prime real estate with religion or racism justifying the violence. So be kind but don't be too trusting because the memo inside the nutshell says, "might makes right no matter what the fight."

Fighting over prime real estate in the Middle East goes back a lot farther than ancient times. It goes back to prehistoric times when Neanderthals and Cro Magnon's apparently went at it... too bad it's still going on!

On a related note, if the Bible doesn't go into detail about prehistoric peoples that shouldn't rule out its veracity but it does raise questions in some of our minds.

Sent from my iPhone=So if Christians finally act like Christians are supposed to act and if Muslims act like well I can't say that about them I just don't know but anyway if people start acting like something other than animals maybe will have peace but I don't know because I think humans might be animals so it's quite a challenge hopefully not impossible but quite a Challenge

"The trench is dug within our hearts and mothers, children, brothers, sisters torn apart"...

U2

"How many times must the cannonballs fly before they're forever banned... How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see, the answer my friend is blowing in the wind"... Bob Dylan

"In war a man is not thought of as an individual, he is counted in thousands and measured in miles"... Clara Barton

"I was drowned I was washed up and left for dead... I was crowned with a spike right through my head, but it's all right in fact it's a gas, but it's all right in fact it's a gas, a gas, gas, gas"... Rolling Stones

Conforming

“Those who begin coercive elimination of dissent soon find themselves exterminating dissenters. Compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard”...Justice Robert Jackson

Like it or not people play games. If despite your distaste for them you learn and master the rules, you'll put food on the table. Of course we can opt out instead but history and Darwin show what that can lead to.

Some of the same people who complain about superficiality spend a great deal of time trying to be what they think others want them to be. They may have practical reasons for doing that so I don't criticize him but I do notice it.

He'd appreciate this, she'd appreciate that, they'd something else and pretty soon, you've been appreciated to death :) If all you're doing is going around trying to please and get people to appreciate things, there's no time for anything else... but that's okay if you want to, just hate feeling like you have to.

People who want to empower themselves and others who's cause they've adopted (Dolezal etc) and that's okay unless they want to do it at the expense of other's which is usually the case and usually wrong-headed.

I may be superficial in that I'm judging books by their covers but you may be superficial in that you're judging others by whether or not they think the right way. To some extent we're all judging by people's looks and opinions and whether or not those opinions are what we, or our fearless leaders, think they should be.

**“And he's oh, so good, And he's oh, so fine, And he's oh, so healthy, In his body and his mind. He's a well respected man about town, Doing the best things so conservatively”...
The Kinks**

Conspicuous consumption

Conspiracies

“If it's not an act of God it's a conspiracy”... Jim Marrs

Overlapping conspiracies... and there are many are when members of one group overlap with another. Masons, Christians, Germans, English, Americans, Chinese, Muslims, Jews, Arabs, Japanese, French... it's never ending and overlapping.

Mayer Rothschild's quote may have been just a statement of fact, one that people have been practicing already for thousands of years.

Regarding this is not a religious war I'm saying it has a religious component and if you don't believe that religion is part of everything we do just look at the Gov. Scott Walker's comments about Obama lately religion is a "" essential part of any campaign he said he questions whether not Obama is a Christian I think you have to be a Christian in this country The president all that you can be other religions to have other significant offices in that respect we're not that much different than Egypt

There are fewer monolithic blocks than we think. Arabs, Jews, blacks, whites, women, Asians etc. may vote fairly monolithically in some cases but generally there's a bell curve related to individual group members; thoughts, beliefs, actions and desires.

There are likely to be conspiratorial groups in every capital of the world and in the hinterlands. Some are extremely powerful and some comparatively weak... the common thread is that groups of likeminded people have always banded together and often committed violence in pursuit of power.

Tragic how every power block has a 'world plan' but they all clash with each other and few involves truly getting along with others. Instead, they involve getting or taking and along the way it makes for some very strange bedfellows. Currently liberal America's in bed with intolerant Saudi Arabia etc., etc.

There are a cabals in every church mosque temple shrine and synagogue in the world, to mention every bar grill and clubhouse. It's the great big rich ones you have to worry about most, because they have no more scruples then the rest there'll situational despite their supposedly absolute morality which is absolutely self-centered.

Constitution

Some people like the old constitution, some like a new one. Some people like an unchangeable constitution, some like one that changes over time. Maybe those at the extremes of the argument should separate and form their own countries. Unfortunately even doing that solves only some of the problems, since each new generation will again face the same questions of old versus new and unchangeable versus changeable. These and other practical considerations make stability difficult be we on earth or in space.

The Constitution I support would not allow gays and lesbians to interpret it for the general public or forcibly prescribe/institutionalize educational and media agendas that gradually turns people towards their beliefs, nor would a just constitution allow one group to take the fruits and labors of another's based on past injustices etc... does that make me old fashioned or a hater, just wondering.

A Constitution should be ironclad, not the PC notion of a living breathing document open to interpretation. Society lives and breathes because it's made up of human beings while a constitution is ideas and words on; paper, stone, or air. It should be very well defined and therefore open to minimal interpretation if it's a good one. Those who don't like it should have the right to leave with their property and wealth to form their own society and write their own constitution. Those who formed the original constitution and any descendants and newcomers who value it must be prepared to protect it against usurpers and they're as sure to come as the rain in Spain. If the Constitution is badly flawed, weak or its protectors weak it will surely be usurped.

I almost wouldn't mind women taking a turn running the world except for what they have in store for us...the same gilded cage they were in, just better locks... Oh well its happening anyway.

I will not agitate for the historically oppressed to gain or lose rights nor will I defend them in the future if they come under attack. I am just chronicling what happens and expect and hope the pendulum to swing back. Hopefully it doesn't swing back too far because things could just be tweaked and everyone would theoretically receive justice, but special interest groups of all kinds tend to want the whole kit and caboodle. I don't want the historically oppressed to receive fair treatment but by demanding IMO too much, they may get a bite on the rear end. For that I am very sorry because I want them to get a fair shake. Like so many issues I am not going to agitate for or against because my loved ones and I would suffer if I did. Many say we have a responsibility to take those chances and all I can say is I'd rather let history take its course and I have confidence the pendulum will swing back in so many ways on so many issues. I do hope that the actions of the more vehement agitators who are intent on robbing many of the fruits of their labors and even the reasonable birthright their ancestors bequeathed them, get what's coming to them but that they're innocent brothers and sisters don't suffer unduly when the time of reckoning comes.

I don't think the proper place for women is barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen, or that gays and lesbians or transgender people should be discriminated against, or that blacks are inferior. I also don't think that any of them should have special rights and greater protection than the general public, or the right to advance their agendas to the detriment of others agendas based on past injustices or hurt sensitivities. No one and no group should

rule over others... governing however is something that people do have the right to do, as long as it's based on a constitution that said group of people willingly adopt.

The Constitution should be a living document regarding slavery and universal suffrage but but not when it comes to granting the new majority to trample the rights of others. In all other matters the spirit of the constitution as per the founding fathers beliefs should be our guide, ie; Washington and Adams who said; no foreign entanglements, no permanent alliances, no traveling the globe slaying monsters. Instead that spirit's been defeated by complacency and special interest super packs who are our new slave masters and Kings.

Vested interests. We all have them and they cloud our judgement. They're the poor cousin of special interests as the later usually comes with money and the former means we're inclined to act in line with our vested interest or the boss man won't pay us!

Traitors have taken advantage of the fact that politics ends at the water's edge to steer us like a boat full of desperados towards a Greek isle and now they entice us towards one side the only question is will we tip over or right ourselves? They've convinced us to take sides in a religious war that benefits them while making it anathema to even suggest it's religious. Even if we aren't fighting on behalf of their religion or ours, we're fighting on behalf of Saudi Wahhabis who are as anathema to what we believe as the ayatollahs. We've been convinced we have vital interests when in fact we should let them "work it out" themselves. Other than keeping the oil lanes open there's no reason to support either side and if we achieve energy independence there will be no reason to even do that...let someone who needs the oil more police the straits.

An incorruptible system must be on place to prevent power from corrupting and absolute power must not exist... much less corrupt absolutely.

I don't want someone who put the Koran or sharia law above the constitution to govern me nor someone with a narrow fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible, if I had to I'd take that latter... but why should we have to? "...no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."...U.S. Constitution, Article VI, paragraph 3.

Contractors

Cooperation

"A chain is only as strong as its weakest link"... old adage

The word cooperate includes “co” and “operate”, referring to two people or two groups working together to operate something...

I’m a team player but the team has to be fair to its members, I’m not going to be a “good wingman” to a man who’s using the rest of us as tools to further his agenda and screw the rest of us.

Conspiracy? We may be affected by our astrological signs, genetics, gender etc. Those along with nature and nurture combine to make us who we are. So a white, Christian, Gemini female, conservative might have more in common with a black, Jewish, liberal man because of these factors coming together in a certain way...the lesson if there is one, is that cooperation should trump conflagration.

Co-optation

Being co-opted usually happens with the help of money, for example if you’re offered that dream TV co-anchor spot. It would be hard to turn down but if you take it you’ll be the voice of the producers and the co-anchor becomes co-opted.

If they are so willing to be usurped and co opted for bread circus and false security that’s their business.

Corruption

“Make it 10, I’m just a poor corrupt official”... Captain Renault Casablanca

Crime

“I don’t mind a parasite I object to a cut rate one”... Rick (Casablanca)

“Leave them in peace we can always shoot them later”... Joseph Stalin

“The accomplice of the thief is his own enemy”... Proverbs 29:24

“I was born six gun in my hand, behind a gun I make my final stand”... Bad Company

The fact that millions of children are violated sexually and otherwise every year is another reason I’m skeptical of the existence of God. Religionists blame these crimes on the devil but why wouldn’t an all-powerful God use his power to more strenuously curb Devil? It’s man’s free will you tell me and I wonder if you’re grasping at straws?

Hoodlums and burglars don't publish a schedule so lock the door...

Everyone has a dark, greedy, primitive reptilian side and denying its existence is tantamount to letting it run free...

We reportedly spend \$80 billion a year imprisoning 1% of the American population, more than any other country in the world! The report says these are mostly blacks and minorities... either they commit a lot of crimes or their targeted more aggressively by the police. Meanwhile an increasing number of politicians are saying just imprison violent criminals... I'd add thieves to the list.

Regarding the murderer of Allison Parker and Adam Ward whose name is not worth mentioning, my first reaction was that he's a crazy _____ but that's wrong, there are crazies among every ethnic group. However, does the bell curve indicate that there're more crazies among certain ethnic groups? I don't know. Maybe there are more warriors, or hunters in a farmers world among certain ethnic groups but there certainly are too many crazies in every group and the fact that they can get their hands on guns is scary as hell. If a couple, few, or even one person had a gun the morning these innocents were murdered, maybe the killer could've been stopped. If somebody has violent tendencies and society know about it, then that person shouldn't be allowed to have a gun, give them at most a stun gun something else that's nonlethal if they want protection. Back to the tendency of some ethnicities to me more violent... I don't understand my own people much less others but I'd like the option to avoid those I trust least...

People like the Aurora, Colorado theatre and Roanoke, VA, WDBJ killers should be quickly tried and quickly executed in a "humane" manner. Society shouldn't inflict cruel and unusual punishment but I think there is a measure of deterrence to capital punishment in this type of case. Their brains should be studied and their families allowed to bury, cremate their murderous relative with whatever dignity they want.

Regarding the punishment for the Boston Marathon bomber who's been found guilty... don't do what makes us feel good and don't give him what he wants, do what might be most effective in dissuading someone from doing the same thing in the future... but don't become a monster in the process.

Death penalty? Do a cost benefit analysis. First what is most likely to deter similar crimes and a distant second what will cost tax payers less in the long run and the testimony from "a well-known nun" should be allowed but countered as effectively as possible. If not then the cycle of murder and mayhem will continue, boosted by those who's bleeding hearts are affected by her spurious appeal. Whenever I see someone lamenting the death of a loved one at the hands of a cold blooded murderer, I wonder what their vote was prior to their personal, tragic loss. Sometimes they change their minds about coddling murderers, but

many are willing to forgive, coddle and perpetuate the cycle of crime because for religious or other reasons they believe they are doing the right thing... I respectfully disagree.

Teenager Kelly Eckard's rapist and murderer cannot be executed even though he's been sentenced to death because he's been found incapable of understanding his sentence. I think he probably understood that what he did was wrong but regardless he should be executed if his appeals have run out and there is conclusive evidence that he is the perpetrator. I'm not sure this is Christ-like but I neither is it Hitler-esque, instead it may be Moses, David or Solomon-like.

It seems like these crimes may be our reptilian brain getting the best of us and it needs to be stopped cold. Those who act on such depravity need to be culled and those who want help before they act depraved should have such help available. As much as humanly possible the vicious cycle needs to be broken since our father in heaven hallowed be his name seems unwilling to crush these criminals.

The DOJ report about Ferguson, MO, says African Americans make up 67 percent of the population and accounted for 93 percent of all arrests between 2012 and 2014. With all due respect, I doubt if that's much different than similar cities or arrest rates per capita of blacks in general. This supposedly shocking report is basically an attempt which will probably succeed in further strengthening the position of the reports proponents. To me it's just an overblown PC report that if looked at objectively may show what some people already know... blacks commit a disproportionately high percentage of crimes in America... oh my I've stepped in it again!

Should child abuser be forgiven or severely punished? According to some should be forgiven because things that aren't forgiven continue to fester and perpetuate from generation to generation. Let each community decide how it wants to deal with these people, just don't let perpetrators slip from a community that offers forgiveness to one that doesn't.

Per the guest on "Morning Joe", African-Americans are 13% of our population but are convicted of 50% of murders and 90% of black murder victims were murdered by other blacks... no stats are given for other races. He says it's a cultural problem that could be related to what blacks have been through in this country. He says it must be discussed but discussed subtly. Joe and Mika immediately employ the white guilt argument, him saying that black students perform as well academically as white teenagers even when the white teenagers have tutors to help... I challenge their statement. Joe goes on to say anyone against allowing black kids to go to the school of their choice using the voucher program etc. are as bad as George Wallace standing in the way of integration in the past... this one I don't know enough about to have much of an opinion.

I understand that we're supposed to feed the poor even the ones that refuse to work, because God is the one who's supposed to make moral decisions like that. What about murderers? Apparently they're forgiven by God if they accept Jesus, so what does that mean about their prison sentences?

"No Mr. Powers we expect you to die"... Dr. Evil

"If it's psychosis, reason won't work so we must deploy other (methods)"... Dr. Ablow

Criticism

"He wrote this play years ago and he snickers every time I trip over my lines"...Thomas Cromwell

WWCS? What would Clifford the Big Red Dog Say? Clifford wouldn't care why should I? We all know what dog spelled backwards is... but it's with a small "g" and probably irrelevant anyway :)

There are at least three levels of disagreeing, first you can respectfully disagree, you can just plain disagree or you can strongly disagree. There are other forms but those are the most common. You can also plead the fifth or say you have no comment but both of these are loaded statements to which people will make assumptions. The most effective with professional liars, ie. politicians is saying, "I do not recall that." This trick became quite popular 30 years ago and is still frequently used especially in court by politicians who don't want to answer question and don't want to say I plead the fifth because of the assumptions others might make.

Having situational beliefs, values, ethics or whatever you want to call them is frequently criticized. That's fine but most of the critics are either as situational as the next guy or so freaking dogmatic and legalistic that they're no angels...

Their critical and call you confused if you don't have the same dogmatic response as them to everything. The absolutes they're so proud of often amounts to nothing less than repeating the same lies over and over, which usually leads to them becoming "the truth." Unfortunately repeating lies and proclaiming absolutes gets attention and people tend to follow such boneheads.

Sign up for Medi-share? I don't think so, there're enough people criticizing me, no need to add another name to that list...mine, but there may be consequences.

Brag, threaten, pontificate... shake, stir and repeat... know anyone like that? Please don't say me:)

Countries

There are countries of which you can say, "that's a great country, a good country or a formidable country", and there some for which all you can say is it is what it is. (Rumi)

Cults

**"It is not good to have zeal without knowledge nor to be hasty and miss the way"...
Proverbs 19:1**

Many families have belonged to the same cult for 50 or even a 100 generations. Since time immemorial people have found it helpful if not essential to belong to a group such as a; clan, tribe, nation or religion, that's unlikely to change in the future. but there's an outside chance they'll become less violent, God help us if they don't!

You can eat all the kimchi in the world and drink all Sambuca your stomach can handle but if you're convinced that practically everyone around you's going to hell, you're unlikely to be a happy camper... if you are there's something wrong.

Telling my friend she might want to get counseling from a liberal Christian or Jew counselor didn't go over very well... what was I thinking?:)

Plain and simple, I'm anti-cult... that's all folks. In the tradition of everyone from Ben to Clifford the big red dog, I'm undaunted by your insistence that I stay within the box... undaunted but aware of your ability to keep me there.

You can't be a full-fledged member until you engage in their most bizarre rituals and beliefs and from then on they've got you. Few people can admit they've been naïve so they stick with those in the same predicament till the bitter end. By virtue of this catch 22 they've got you.

The preacher says Nimrod the Babylonian's mother claimed to have produced him by a virgin birth and that Nimrod was often pictured on her lap with a halo over his head. He goes on to say that rabbits were worshiped for fertility by the Babylonian mystery religion and the evergreen tree was a symbol of rebirth, but he doesn't associate them with

Christianity, instead he calls them satanic. He wants to have his cake and eat it too... and it reminds me of the emperor Constantine, who prior to becoming a Christian is said to have worshipped Mithras who like Jesus supposedly had a virgin birth... a lot of that going around back then! There seem to be a lot of similarities between these ancient cults but today they are relegated to the dust bin of history if not Satanism by those who won the war... in no way do they acknowledge a connection.

If you are eager to give your testimony but give no credence to the testimony of someone of another faith... If you have determined by virtue of your founders proclamations that your evidence is irrefutable despite reservations of outsiders your faith... If you hold the tenants of your faith beyond dispute while viewing doctrines of other's faiths debatable or detestable then I would hazard to say you're in a cult. Your cult may be benevolent (that's debatable or relative) but if it walks, talks and sounds like a cult then it probably is one.

I consider all sects legitimate when they're willing to coexist with others because they have the right to freedom of beliefs. When they're more interested in conquest and "victory" I have a problem with them but am powerless to do anything but watch my back.

The answer to any questions about a cult usually require you to have faith in their answers since they're rarely logical and when it comes to questions about their big Kahuna the answers are even murkier and more irrational... "have faith" they say... or else.

Interesting how the modern cults have borrowed from the old ones and sometimes venerate the same things... like evergreen trees.

If you're cult member and your loved ones don't belong it may be difficult to be a happy person but you can't admit it the cold won't allow such thoughts. Meanwhile you're told that they're doomed and they think you're crazy. How could it not make you unhappy? How could it not break apart families when they become secondary to a cold which insist that your family is the enemy if they don't agree and the cult must come first or else...

I'm almost glad you feel unhappy... it shows you care.

Sent from my iPhone

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Once you join a cult it's awfully hard to gracefully bow out and they keep dragging you further and further in with more initiations, magic etc. If you leave it can involve an

enormous loss of face, since on some level you're admitting you've been duped...no one wants to do that so it's easier to invest even more in the cult.

The berserkers are still out there but now they work for the other side and grandma's everywhere will tell you to believe in this and that or Santa will put coal in your stockings...

Cults need to be cultivated like anything else that's expected to grow.

I consider Christianity kind of like America... one's the best religion and one's the best country but both tend to consider themselves the best of the best and rightist of the right. I won't say either's like the best shirt in a closet full of dirty shirts will say I don't believe either is by any means perfect. Of course that feeble endorsement's not good enough because dominant cults require you to consider them the one and only. Typically their zealots consider anything that's not them to be iniquity. Many of their more moderate members don't go that far and I wonder what do the zealots think of them... and what do any of them think of me?

I agree this is a Christian nation and always has been but I don't know what the future holds because of immigration and new age religions but it might remain a Christian nation forever. It might also be said that some of the founding fathers were either backslid, Deists or Masons and not bonafide Christians, they were however instrumental in the creation of this nation. I don't know whether or not they were true Christians but the average American probably in colonial times was probably about as Christian as Americans are today and if it hadn't been for those backslid founding fathers, for better or for worse we might still be part of Britain and the Church of England.

"Only you can set you free"... Living Color from their song Cult of Personality. I don't know what Living Color meant by that line but I interpret it as meaning only we can set ourselves free from cult. I doubt that you need a cult leader to find God or at least to seek his face. As far as I can tell the cult leader usually gets in the way ending up a monkey on one's back demanding loyalty, proclaiming himself God and doing his best to turn you against those who really love you.

When it comes to Apostolics and Masons which one's the more dangerous cult? I say the former because they're discouraged from considering ideas beyond their sect's unusual interpretation of Scripture... as far as I can tell they consider opposing views invalid if not satanic.

Colts often discourage their members from reading or listening to anything other than their official point of view and that's a red flag if I ever saw one. They often call opposing points of view satanic, which not only squelches any inclination its members might have for the seeking the truth, it also shows their reluctance to debate questions of great importance.

When they do debate the great questions of humanity, cults usually do so from the point of view that they're absolutely right and others are wrong, misguided or evil... hmmm.

Cults tend to offer generous enticements to join but they make it difficult to quit. There can be anything from; punishment, embarrassment, violence, shunning by friends and family and psychological damage that makes it difficult to re-integrate into society.

They say, "we're not better, just better off because we're forgiven" which is fine but they tend to use forgiveness as an excuse to commit crimes ranging from; slavery and extermination to nuking cities. They preach "thou shall not kill" and turn the other cheek but ignore those when convenient or "necessary." I'm not saying they're wrong all the time but when violence is turned to with such regularity they are as bad as any hypocrites in the world... and often far deadlier.

When I hear Pastor Jimmy say that anything not in the Bible is iniquity which I think means evil, it just reinforces in my mind that these guys are criminals or at best no better than anyone else. Whether or not they're really better off I don't know but I do think they're proud members of the most powerful cult the world has ever known... Aphrodite, Zeus and Apollo would be jealous!

At many churches you're encouraged to shake hands all over the place. Maybe it provides a sense of belonging but it also leads to colds or worse. Maybe when you join a church some of them want everyone to go through it together not matter what "It" is but what if you don't want to?

If the religious people of today had been alive 2,500 years ago I think most would be happily worshiping other Aphrodite, Zeus or whoever. Most would have been as content and convinced they were right as religionists are today. Today's dominant cults may be new and improved and may last forever but that remains to be seen by people or whoever's around far in the future.

Interesting how the words cult and occult are similar. Maybe it's because the two can be related in other ways.

Cryonics

"There's no sensation to compare with this, suspended animation, a state of bliss"... Pink Floyd

Will cryons who may someday be revived add anything of interest to the literature on near-death experiences and the afterlife, and how many will wish they hadn't come back, or done it at all?

Funny how someone interested in living for 200 years is accused of wanting to be a little god, but 200 years isn't a threat or a drop in the bucket compared to God, neither is a trillion years since God is eternal. Meanwhile back at the retirement home, Methuselah supposedly lived 969 years and I've never heard anyone accuse him of grandiosity.

Bone memories might be real and could be the oldest and the most recoverable form of memory. Why wouldn't we be able to feel something in our bones other than a change in the weather? If the DNA is the road map of our life force and every cell has the same unique DNA signature and the bones contain this same DNA, then what we know in our heart is in our bones too and may be recoverable and may contain essential information passed down to us from a thousand ancestors and their life experiences.

I don't think there will be many thousands of cryonics patients on ice, because better means of survival will be developed. In the next hundred or so years so there might be a few thousand people using cryonics but after that it probably won't be needed except maybe for space travel etc.

It's not so much fear of dying as joy of living...

When a body's cyronically preserved what happens to the soul? Do you go to hell as some say, are you suspended somewhere in the ether, in a dream state, in a state of unconsciousness, is the soul destroyed leaving the body a zombie if reanimated? Could another soul, evil spirit or take possession? Maybe someday in the future they'll find out...

To those who oppose cryonics, the whole universe is full of resources and if cryonics people can develop and sustainably exploit resources in space instead of resources on earth they won't be draining earth's resources...

Instead of the Jewish story about creation and the future of mankind, which started with prophets and bards from the ancient middle and near east, I'm more in tune with modern writers such as Gene Roddenberry the creator of StarTrek. I find his version more believable, just and hopeful... he was I think Jewish too.

"Treat death like birth"... Chinese saying

Dad

Dad passed at about 1:25 in the afternoon Monday, March 16, 2015...

In front of me is a Chevy with the word blossom on it that's a dealer around here I'm getting ready to go put flowers some spring flowers apple blossoms can't member what the lavender I think the one is in the third I don't know what it's called also today just a minute ago on the radio was a story on NPR about somebody burning down a hill and poppies springing up last one of the last lines of the segment was maybe my father just wanted to see the puppies are the flowers or something another one of those little coincidences which probably means nothing to anyone except me and maybe to dad... maybe space and time are just concepts.

Dad's gone but I can still talk to him... I don't know if he can hear me but I can talk to him.

I don't know why but I feel like sitting by Dad's grave and telling him the latest news of Egypt and the rest of the world...

As I get back in the car after leaving the main mausoleum at Crown Hill I think it's Foreigner that's playing on the radio but I know it's "As Cold As Ice."

It's Father's Day.... got out of the car, placed new flowers (the one's from Memorial Day were gone) said a few words to Dad got back in and drove away. As I turned the radio on the first thing I heard was a car? commercial saying something about 666-1414... I thought it was a phone number but know it was disturbing and made me wonder about the usual things... Christianity, eternity etc. Called the number later and got a man's voice mail, left no message but he texted later and asked if it was a wrong #, I texted back that it was...Five or 10 minutes later as I surfed the channels NPR was reported on India's "International Yoga Day" and President Modi's attendance at the event...he's a practitioner they said and many thousands attended. Five minutes later again on the radio, maybe NPR again another report from India that nine more men had died from drinking tainted liquor, bringing the total death toll to 92. On an unrelated note...today at Crownhill it seems like the vast majority of people visiting graves are black.

Don't recall ever seeing Dad cry, even at the very end of his life as he lay in bed dying. I've seen Mom tear up only a few times, usually at goodbyes. The one time she really lost it was on hearing of her little brother's death... she was in agony.

He loved his cars including a shiny red Ford he had in college, his 66 Chevy Impala super sport, his Datsun 240 Z and his Chrysler New Yorker but most of all he loved people. He also enjoyed long dinners which sometimes drove us crazy. Until recently his voice was strong enough to command respect and many times he used that powerful voice to his advantage. It sometimes drove me crazy but looking back on it, it made sense because he wasn't particularly big and strong. Dad testified before the NJ state congress and sold his patented inventions to BF Goodrich and other companies. Dad traveled to about 50 countries during his career and worked extremely hard. Despite being a bit of a workaholic

he always found time for family and friends and loved and often asked about our mother Wilma, despite their marriage having ended years ago. He had no animosity towards anyone and always stood with the less fortunate. In my opinion Dad lived a great life and I hope, pray and believe he will finally meet God and be accepted into his eternal realm.

Dad was a peaceful man but a fighter in his own way. In college he was arrested for demonstrating against the British and some of us saw his scrappiness many times in many ways. I don't think he was ever in a fight and he never fired a gun. He loved and seemed to accept and have friends of every color and religion. I'm going to miss you Dad but I sure won't forget you!

He left this world with the same stubborn pride he came in with. And though that's not an endorsement of stubbornness and pride it's the way he was and I loved him.

He never stopped making sense and that's a good way to go out... until the very end he was lucid enough to shake his head, or wave his hand yes or no... nice.

“Wheel in the Sky Keeps On Turning” is playing as I drive home from Crown Hill. When I arrived earlier a DJ just happened to be saying, “any day above ground is a good one.” Just another coincidence but I feel like I finally have roots in the state of Indiana. Dad was buried Tuesday, today's Friday and I just came by to say hello. Next time I'll tell him the latest news of the world and he'll want to know about Egypt in particular. I don't know if he'll hear me and don't know if it's just his mortal remains here or if his spirit can visit? It was also nice to see that there are a number of Muslim graves nearby, he'll have company of all kinds of people... and oh yes the deer have already paid him a visit!

Another thing I miss since the dad's gone is the 10 or 15 minute phone calls we have most nights he wanted to hear the news. He seemed appreciative of my reporting, commentary and analysis... thanks Dad that made me feel good!

Debt

Democracy

Churchill said democracy is the worst form of government except for all the others. It may not be as good as a constitutional government led by a committee, chief executive or whoever will uphold that Constitution. Those who don't like the constitution can take their portable property and wealth and leave, and maybe people from other places will come if they like the constitution. Such a society's success will depend on how many people come

and how many people go. It may be superior to purely democratic form of government where the majority rules and miss-rules and votes largess for itself at the expense of others.

We've been convinced that in pure democracy not only are we equal but also better... in reality not only are we not better off. we're not even equal.

Pure democracy sucks because when unproductive or counter productive members of society get to vote the rest of society suffers. The problem is who is none or counterproductive? In my opinion they are people who are taking taxes more than they pay them or taking jobs instead of creating them...is that me? Is that you? It may depend on who you ask.

In countries without it tradition of democracy that are ethnically and religiously divided the usual way of maintaining order is an occupying army or a strongman. Afghanistan and Iraq under the Americans is an example of the aforementioned first method and Iraq under Saddam is an example of the second. There are many more examples of each that can be sited but what's harder to find are examples of ethnically or religiously divided countries without a strong tradition of democracy being anything but chaotic.

I don't think you're entitled to government sponsored healthcare if someone else has to pay for it. I think you're entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and when it comes right down to it, in a pure democracy you must try and guarantee those for yourself. In a republic the Constitution helps guarantee these things, in a pure democracy they are yours or not you're at the whim of the majority...that's where the second amendment might come in handy.

The founding fathers didn't want universal suffrage for a reason because there are lots of people out there who had an entirely different world view well and last hundred years those people yes women have gained the boat which is just fine and dandy except now their worldview prevails. Of course it founding fathers may profound mistakes and were rascals that time but sorry the women that are making profound mistakes in my opinion now. Pure democracy has severe shortcomings for all minorities and even though man still home most of the seeds of power there beholden to those who put them there. Poetic justice I suppose!

Sent from my iPhone=

When I say that women should not rule men, the average woman might say that men shouldn't rule Women either and I would agree. The thing is that most men don't want to rule women but there are men who want to rule everyone and they should be constrained. Average men just want to be free but that's not always a good or practical thing because

they make babies, which to some extent should constrain their freedom, but not to the extent that they are ruled by their women.

Anyone who gives up their rights because the other side outnumbers them doesn't understand what the American revolution was about.

If a democracy is based on; manifest destiny, grabbing land, hegemony, imperialism, apartheid, or any system where one group has special rights then it may be no better than whatever it replaced.

Denominations

“As soon as I prove the other person wrong I'm never going to have a conversation with them”... Deepak Chopra

“And it's all because your Mama don't dance and your daddy don't rock 'n roll”... Loggins and Mussina

The problem isn't with religion it's with other people's religions and the problem isn't with race it's with other races and the problem's not with countries it's with other countries and on and on it goes...

Is religion a caper and the flock a herd?

Seems to me that fundamentalists of all religions have little or no respect for other people's religions, at least compared to moderates of all religions.

Christians have such a great opportunity to make the world a better more peaceful place but I wouldn't go so far as to say they exclusively can do it. Instead however of focusing on the peace message of Christianity they've focused on the power and dominion message and the rest is history.

Does it have the greatest market share because its message is the most wonderful and powerful or because it's the scariest? It's certainly as rich in promises and flowery rhetoric that its followers don't or can't live up to as any religion, but it also has more fire and brimstone than any other religion that I know of and that's a marketing innovation that's stood the test of time. Of course prophecy may be the clincher but has and will prophecy "A" really come true verbatim and "B" is truly from God or is it man made and self-fulfilling based on the PTB and money? I for one don't know.

I don't know of any cult, country or denomination that follow's Jesus' teaching to the letter of the law, instead they use the carrot and the stick approach. In enticement mode they use

a carrot and if it becomes clear that you want something other than their truth you get the stick.

How can I call myself a Christian when I don't know who Christ was: I don't know who's version is right, Constantine's, the Gnostics, the Jews, something in between or something entirely different?

I would rather join a club then start one, join a church than start one, join a party than one, join a colony than start one but if none exist that I agree with I have to do the latter... even if I'm the sole member of each:)

There are many reasons that I am skeptical. All you have to do is look at the fossil record which you refuse to do, or dismiss, belittle or call satanic. How can I take you seriously when you refuse to even consider that the earth might be more than 10,000 years old?

I need to respect my friend's religion which might be defined as environmentalism (his wife's may be materialism) as much as I respect my wife's religion which I would define as Christian fundamentalism...borderline or otherwise. As an aside I wonder if they respect mine?

Sikhs also believe that "all religious traditions are equally valid and capable of enlightening their followers".[7]

Fundamentalist = Wahabist no matter what the ilk...maybe.

Another inverse relationship... those who are the most religious are usually the least spiritual... they are like Mynah birds, parroting what they're told. They think little, say much and cut the ham even when it already fits in the pan. That being said, both spiritual people and religionists are equally capable of doing a great deal of good or bad.

Organized religion has so much potential for good but it's been turned into a team sport with rivalries resulting in wars for so long that it doesn't live up to its potential.

Galileo, Jefferson, Copernicus and Akhenaten are just a few of the people I admire when it comes to religion...

This morning I think Christianity's the gold standard but I'm not sure I believe all their facts.. This morning I believe in most of their theories but have reservations about giving away the farm, complete nonviolence etc. These seem open to interpretation anyway and the church's record is disappointing to me anyway, although to its members its glorious beyond compare. Of course the church's actions have been complicated by the efforts of other religions to either usurp or hold on to power.

Am I a Christian? I don't want to dwell on the subject but it does cross my mind. Tell me what I have to believe, I'll tell you if I believe it and you can tell me whether or not I'm a

Christian. I'd be happy to be called a Christian but few would call me that because I don't fully believe the Nicean creed. I agree with most of what Jesus preached but have questions and as such I'm not acceptable to most churches... so be it and I don't relish having to say that.

"Relax said the madman we are programmed to receive you can check out anytime you want but you can never leave"...Hotel California. I don't think the worlds ready for a new religion but in a generation or three they might be ready for a new form of worship of the God of the universe. On a related note, it would be nice if religion was more about worshipping God and not about fighting wars over him.

Is the truth what some fundamentalists' believe; that Jesus is literally the God of the universe and that approximately 6,000 years ago he created earth in six days, or is it what some liberal Christians say which might include intelligent design or even evolution and that; God, Jesus and the holy spirit are all different, or might what the scientist say about the Big Bang etc. be true, or something in-between? I'm for a society that allows the peaceful practice of one's religious beliefs no matter what they are...

What I believe in is freedom of religion and tolerance of religions that tolerate other religions and there's not much of that these days.

You want me to say I detest Islam but so far I haven't because that is disrespecting my cousins and they have been very good to me... I don't know what the future holds but I think they are roughly as moral as my friends and relatives here.

I'm going with what Gandhi said I think the only thing different is that they don't behead people there a bar is very low and when it comes to every human for evil every human characteristic I see them no differently than people of other religions. They even torture people but instead of pulling out your fingernails they stick a hose up your ass and blow your intestines full of water or nearly drown you... WWJD?

What is "the Church" anyway? Is it Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodox or what? Not to mention the various sects within each of the above, especially Protestantism which must have spawned a thousand sects which disagree widely but come together when Christianity in general is threatened.

Religion is largely a popularity contest but religions win based on their teachings argument or story instead of on their good looks. Which in a way is like winning on personality not beauty and that's a good thing.

My doubts about the church are partly due to the numerous times I've heard "good Christian men" say, "we just need to kill more of them" and good Christian women voting

for the same. Just makes me wonder, who would Jesus bomb? Almost certainly not all of the vast array of “enemies” my countrymen have approved for destruction.

One of the theme songs music played by the Garrison show sounds martial to me, which fits with his zealotry IMO. He and his ilk are less interested in coexistence than in conquest or in coexistence on their terms only. This isn't unexpected since those he would like to dominate also aren't interested in coexistence and therein lies the rub. Since time immemorial people have sought power over their own lives and over society in general. They naturally run into people of other beliefs who also seek power over their own lives and over society in general. Everyone claims they're on God's side or he's on theirs and on and on it goes...mayhem.

I would be happy to be called a Christian but I don't think any Christian church would call me that... nor would Gandhi for that matter. I guess it's a moot point because I don't fully comply with the lists of any Christian church I know of and shouldn't expect them to make exceptions.

Whether or not I'm a Christian and whether or not Ucgr is a Christian denomination matters to no one now but if it's picked up on radar I think that will matter more to others than to me. What matters to me is that it's not an abomination which I think is what many denominations would call it. Regarding what other churches think means something but not everything to me because I consider their legitimacy contingent on something other than God's will. Mainly I hope to watch my back around them and pray their anger is not turned upon me. Unfortunately if you don't believe the Nicene code and/or any other essentials the various denominations teach, they may not tolerate you and in extreme cases do their best to exterminate you.

Certain religions might be 'better than others' but the bar's been set so low that it's really isn't saying much...the bar being their human rights record etc.

You might say the Oneness Pentecostal Apostolics are at the top of the food chain, excuse me hierarchy. They teach that not only do you have to speak in tongues to go to Heaven, you also have to believe that Jesus is literally the; Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all rolled up into one. I think that regular Pentecostals just believe you have to speak in tongues to go to heaven. I think regular Protestant Christians believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three different entities as opposed to three different names for Jesus. I think that regular Protestant Christians generally don't believe you have to speak in tongues to go to heaven. Catholics have slightly different beliefs too, I think they revere Jesus' mother Mary more than Protestants and pray to her as well as to Jesus. What will the next thing beyond apostolic Pentecostal be and what will you have to believe to be a member of that uber-exclusive club?

Am I a Christian? I don't know, that's for Jesus or the church to decide. I'm pretty sure most churches would say no and I don't know what He'd say... but of course they do :)□

There are people raised in church is where they are told what all the great truths are and they are told they need better believe it and your allowed to ask questions but you better believe the answers. They're also people who were raised to ask questions and to research and to seek and not just to believe what people tell them and rarely the two shall meet or so it seems.

Every religious sect from Jonestown to ISIS and everything in between has its own hit squad and like nations violence won't end till the people opt out except for actual self-defense. The violence committed on behalf of the leaders thirst for power is the dark underbelly of religion.

Religions whose mission statements include dominating other, conquering the world or converting everyone are a formula for eventual Armageddon... that may be as much a law of nature as seems to be man's alternative humanity and inhumanity to his fellow. I think I see a connection between a religion that teaches conquering other religions with the inhumane part of mankind. That notwithstanding a conquering religion often do a great deal of good... they just tend not to admit that their generosity has much to do with trying to convert unbelievers.

I consider Christianity morally the gold standard but I don't know any Christian who practice it in that manner. Some come pretty close but many are angry and punitive which doesn't make them terrible people, it just doesn't make that much different than non-Christians.

One reason I don't trust The church is because they disenfranchise any man who doesn't see things the way they do even though the man is supposed to be the ruler of the family. If you don't sign on the dotted line regarding the things they teach, you're disqualified as the head of the family and that's criminal...

Every religion says there' much more to life than money and all say murder is wrong. Where they differ is in the minutiae and that's where they get some people and lose others.

I'm not sure the great modern religions are much different than the more ancient religions. There's still authority and there's still punishment or reward. Whether or not these constants are true or false is not a question I'm asking. I'm just pointing out that they are the constants. Much of the rest is wrapping paper and different actors. They all agree there's good and evil and they all believe they've chosen wisely and that they're the good guys... it's a constant.

The other constant among the great religions is that they're started by one or a few guys or gals who claim they've been selected for the task by God. These holy men become inquestionable unchallengeable and unapproachable. They take some existing wisdom, give it a new spin and tell the people to believe it or else. Time after time throughout history the worker bees and soldier ants have lapped up the dew!

It seems to me that the Jewish people having extraordinary highs and lows throughout their history has to do with jealousy but maybe also with their belief that they're the chosen people which makes them reach for the stars or maybe for the impossible. Or maybe it has to do with their social activism which results on them stepping on the toes of other powerful people. In any case they go out on limbs to accomplish extraordinary things and periodically pay an extraordinary price. Will this continue through the remainder of history which is far as I know is open ended, but according to some is predetermined and narrowly defined.

Is there a niche in every universe, solar system and planet for a chosen people and/or for bad people who think that they're the master race etc? It's a big universe, maybe even a multi-verse so there's lots of possibilities. Whatever happened to the lost tribes of Israel? Did they go to Great Britain and Japan and make those countries more extraordinary than they would've otherwise been?

Our apostolic friend is depressed and has come in for help this morning she texted again that she doesn't feel good I told my wife she'll probably be OK I didn't tell her that my reason for thinking that simply opens me up to attack and criticism or both. My suspicion is that she has a conscience and every once in a while it hurts because she's taught that everybody's gone to hell at this I believe exactly like her she will probably get over with the help of pastoral care. Maybe someday she will get over it and suck it out of that cold but that means I'm set timer for suggesting it but even other Christian denominations consider them from where the crazy but not as bad as those done except the Nicene creed. Course I could be entirely wrong! Sent from my iPhone

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Despotism

Deism

Deism (Listeni/' di:.ɪzəm/[1][2] or /' deɪ.ɪzəm/) is the belief that reason and observation of the natural world are sufficient to determine the existence of a Creator, accompanied with the rejection of authority as a source of religious knowledge.[3][4][5][6][7] Deism gained prominence in the 17th and 18th centuries during the Age of Enlightenment—especially in Britain, France, Germany, and the United States—among intellectuals raised as Christians who believed in one god, but found fault with organized religion and did not believe in supernatural events such as miracles, the inerrancy of scriptures, or the Trinity.[8]] <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deism>

Possible Deists; Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Governor Morris, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Ethan Allen, Thomas Paine and George Washington.

I'm just starting to read about Deism but think there's a God. I may not have quite the faith of some religious people but consider that debatable. Also don't know who or what God is... anything from the God particle to the personal God anything in between it could be so Deism will never catch on like the personality call religions that claim to have the inside scoop... you can have them.

A Deist apparently believes in God but isn't convinced it's the Pope's God, the Rabbi's God, the Mullah's God or the Pastor's...

Can I be a Diest but believe the biblical prophecy is probably going to be prefilled I think so but I don't think I can be a Christian and believe that because if I'm a Christian I have to believe that yes it will be fulfilled and for the reasons they tell me it will I think it will probably be read fulfilled but not necessarily for the reasons they say=

Discrimination

training experience including water dogs...

We didn't commit slavery and the people demanding reparations didn't endure it. They and particularly older blacks certainly faced discrimination but some of us have endured bullying and violence from blacks who hold us accountable for what some of our ancestors did. I suggest pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and there should be nothing special for or against anyone... especially criminals like the animals who raped a woman on the Panama City beach in March or April 2015. Our heads are in the sand...

It should be legal to discriminate and to be racist as long as there's no violence or incitement of violence attached to those beliefs. We should not be punished for beliefs, only for violence actions against people or property. Just as an individual can utilize their "discriminating taste" to choose a wine an individual or a business should be able to use those same human abilities to decide who to do business with. If you've learned from experience that a group of people tend to rip you off or think you owe them something for nothing, you should have the right to make use of that information and not rent to them etc. Likewise if you have religious or moral objections to photo, perform or bake a cake for someone's marriage, you should be able to decline their business. The loss of revenue should be your only consequence... not a law suit, fine, imprisonment or whatever. As long as someone's life or limbs aren't in danger individuals of any and all persuasions should not have their right to discriminate abridged. Government contractors and large businesses are another matter.

Diversity?

"People are people...almost hundred percent"...koe

All people are created equal but not created the same... that's why society needs enough laws to protect everyone but none that create special privileges.

One thing to destroy nepotism it's another thing to destroy America in the process... after all they're really two different things.

I don't know anyone who doesn't have some kind of bias, it's just different from person to person. There are however people with such a feeling of guilty regarding what their people have done to other people that they feel compelled to make up for those past injustice and in some cases they loathe their own people and elevate the complaints high above themselves... that's fine, just stop trying to impose that view on others.

Here's a hypothetical; if there were an equal number of "blacks" and "whites" in the world and they all interbred, IMO the white race would completely disappear from the face of the earth. IMO and less hypothetically the same thing may gradually be happening... in 5 - 10 generations it could be a done deal and most people could care less.

I agree we're more alike than different but we're not all the same, or as alike as you say, we're Pit Bulls, Collies, Poodles or Labs.

Ostensibly and to a considerable extent, armies and police are reactions to violence and lawlessness.

At this point in human history there are several races that have survived and there are probably others that went extinct. There were also hominid species that competed with Homo Sapiens that went extinct. The surviving races of Homo Sapiens had to be incredibly tough to make it this far and they continue to compete for survival and dominance. Several things can happen now, we could all get along, we could intermarry and become basically one race, the races could fight it out and try to eliminate the “competition”, or separate and mixed race groups could spread out in the cosmos intact and otherwise...future generations will see what happens, mine probably won't.

You say give them internet access and they'll turn into perfect ladies and gentlemen. I say some will and some will use that tool to further; disarm, pull the wool and stick it to you... sorry.

I agree that a multi-ethnic society is valid and good and I understand that you don't think a relatively homogeneous ethnic society is bad... that's why I would like to emigrate to space. I don't think I'll be able to but I hope future generations have that option and are not forcibly ordained to live as their masters command.

I've heard that a number of countries have demised after embracing African culture or reaching the proverbial demographic tipping point. Will America end up the ultimate example of that, or will we learn, benefit and prosper from this grand experiment as our handlers have announced?

Why am I a terrible person if I say I don't want to live in proximity to someone but they can say it about me all day and it's fine and dandy... good for the goose etc. or they get a pass because I said it first?

I don't seek institutionalized separation, just the right for people to live among whoever they wants instead of in an engineered, quota based society. Since I can't seem to adequately explain it and no matter what I say it's unacceptable to you anyway, maybe I should stop trying. But that won't stop me from resisting attempts to crush our spirit and love of freedom. You see, I owe you no explanation but as a courtesy I've tried. Some who hear it are ladies and gentlemen and other are goons. Therefore post a rear guard, vanguard and side guard my friend. Meanwhile they tell us that, “resistance is futile”... we'll see about that.

Meanwhile back at the radio, PBS's guest agitator tells us that Brazil is the second largest black nation in the world and black Brazilians must fight for recognition, opportunity and ultimately control...it's the same mantra that's destroying , pardon me changing America.

Is it racism keen, observation or just common sense to say that someone of pure Negro ancestry has children with someone of pure Caucasian Ancestry The result is children, "of color." I think it's common sense and nothing wrong with that result as long as you don't

mind one race disappearing into another. I also realize that those children are beautiful intelligent and God's children as much as any other children in the world. Typical rebuttal might be, yeah that's not gonna happen so why worry about it I speak of it. I speak of it because although it's not going to happen overnight it's happen gradually Just let nature take it's course you say and that's fine unless you want to have a little more control over your life. A man like Obama who is half white seems to identify more with flax and that's fine but if everybody has mixed race does that in white culture is disappears. And many will be happy to see that happen and pleased that black culture will dominate although they might say the best of both worlds is what will happen. If that's the case fine but for what it's worth that's not what I expect. =

Lincoln had no plan for after the war, he just had a goal... which was to crush the south and set the black people free. Hmmm. This will be called racist (of course) but I wonder how much he know about black people?

They say at least 100% of recent 100 yard meter dash gold medal winners and 90% of NFL defensive backs descend from several tribes in a particular part of Africa. As a young man I could've spent 16 hours a day practicing those skills but I'd never be competitive with these men. Is it racist to point that out, or to point out that I could never attain the math genius of an Einstein no matter how hard I tried? I think we should try very hard to improve ourselves but to deny genetic differences that occur in various groups might make sense to you but it doesn't to me:)

I wish than peace, good health and prosperity but today I saw it again... An inordinate number using handicapped parking when they appear just fine. Yes, maybe I'm imaging things and of course I'm a racist SOB for mentioning it, maybe they're injured because of all the abuse they've taken at the hands of society... or maybe there's something to what I'm saying. If so God forbid then it seems to me like one more form of welfare and gaming the system.

That doesn't mean I want to live in an "X" only or a no "Y" community... I just don't want the gov or activists to mandate the racial, ethnic or gender makeup of our communities. =

My only question is does the blue and white get changed to green and black before or after the fall and do the Stars and Stripes stay or go?

I can't speak frankly with people of my own race or even at my own family so how can I speak frankly with people of another race it just doesn't happen without consequences and why subject myself to those for no good end? Those of us living today will not be around when the final quote unquote judgments are made not that they will necessarily be fair and unbiased. So for the present groupthink prevails there might be 23 or even four acceptable points of view on most subjects and those of us that are outliers either remain quiet or take our chances.

If you think I pick on blacks and Hispanics for getting too much welfare and for other people paying to raise her children, it's because I believe per capita they are the biggest abusers of the system... correct me if I'm wrong. I don't think taxpayers should have to pay to raise anyone else's children... that's the actual parents. On the other hand two of the best guys I know are black and part Hispanic.

I wish you well but I'm not giving you the Farm, or for that matter the car. That's what I thought as I looked at the poster with the young black woman who apparently needs a break. That was her parent's responsibility not the taxpayer's. I think of the line in the song, "deep in my heart I am warrior"... (aka - Deep in my heart I abhor ya-) either way it tells me what some people think and something about their true intent. Go ahead, trust, be co-opted... and disappear, our people stink anyway right??? You have determined that they are noble, down-trodden, assimilating and changing for the better. I see scant evidence of that, instead I see us, assimilating towards them and changing mostly for the worst.

There may be times in history when it makes sense to let the government aka other tax payers pay to raise your kids such as when others are doing it to your people's detriment but it's even better that such a system be unavailable to anyone. Instead the system should require that everyone pays to raise their own kids... no one should be rewarded for laying their eggs in someone else's nest, whether "accidentally" or on purpose.

The June 17th murder of 9 people in South Carolina at the AME church is being parsed in religious terms as an evil act, which it is but whether or not it's the devil as some on TV said is debatable. It might better be put in tit for tat or chicken and egg terms. people or Plo Road one side does something vicious than the other side does back-and-forth we go the tragic side of human nature we are wired for violence. The murderer reportedly said, "I have to do it. You rape our women and you're taking over our country." That's a red Herring his murderous rampage was wrong and should be punished as severely as possible. He may however inspire other psychos and fuel hatred on both sides. Reminds me of the Middle East and beheading versus de-heading (blowing off heads via accidental collateral damage)... Once again the chicken and the egg story both sides blaming the other reaction is usually violent and reason went out the window during the Stone Age and it's never come back.

Integration is fine for those who want to be integrated but shouldn't be forced on those who don't want it. The same applies to diversity, both should be a voluntary and not mandated or prescribed by the government. integration should not be prescribed by the government to achieve some think tanks special and it should all be left up to individuals and the marketplace to decide=

So, you want an honest non PC discussion of race? Okay every race is going to commit every crime but statistically blacks are going to rob people at a higher rate, whites are going to drop bombs on people at the highest rate, Arab's are going to use car bombs at the highest rate, Israelis, Chinese, Russians... fill in the blanks and then make your excuses, such as socio-economic, oppression etc. I'll stick to my stupid analogies to things like; Pit Bulls, Labs, German Shepherds and Chows.

I respect every race and ethnicity, they're all amazing but I don't want my people to disappear and history indicates there are certain races, ethnic groups or nations that tend to overwhelm others and I would like to steer clear of them. That being said I am not opposed to intermarriage and a I'm for; freedom of association, freedom of disassociation and resisting TPTB's effort to prescribe, engineer and manipulate the future of humankind.

Problems between different races, ethnicities and religions would decrease if we interacted from a safer distance. On the other hand there's a lot to be gained by interacting and trading with diverse peoples. Maybe these interactions should be formalized in ways that reduce conflict and unintentional offences. For example meet on neutral ground if you so desire instead of visiting strangers territory, or inviting them to visit yours. It is of course the fine and the norm to do otherwise but the contrary as described above should be respected as well.

Why do I have a problem? It's because like the song says, deep in your heart you are warrior, can't get food for the kids, so you're going to get it one way or the other. Deep in my heart I am farmer or something and probably only a citizen soldier when we have to repel the real warriors who'd rather plunder than plant.

Looking at the Lemba tribe in Africa which reportedly has been proven to have Hebrew DNA, I notice that they are not building rocket ships or patenting inventions. The similarities I notice to Jews elsewhere is in how they slaughter cows... call me a hater if you want but that's what I mean by dilution and overwhelming.

Even though our society celebrates diversity if you're different don't expect to be appreciated, expect the opposite. Different is only good if you fall into one of the major camps so that they can put you to use. Being truly different is seen as a problem as far as most people are concerned.

Stop trying to infiltrate, integrate and subjugate our communities and work on saving yours instead. You're welcome to institute your values and standards in your community but don't impose them on others. Funny how you demand handouts while at the same time agitating, robbing and pillaging the more productive neighborhoods where those who value education and are heavily taxed to pay for your family tenuously hold on.

Another black man in the news for having lots of kids. This time it's Jay Williams who has had 34 children with 17 women. He is scheduled to appear on "Iyania Fix My Life" on OWN-TV. They're going to try to psychoanalyze and what I think they are to do is give him some tools and make him support all 3 children for the rest of his stinking ass life... or make such a lifestyle readily available to everyone until the tax system breaks or comes to its senses. Otherwise it's a form of ethnic cleansing or at least race war against people who refuse to see the forest for the trees.

If you don't see physiological differences between the races you're being politically correct or you're blind...

From Egypt to Iceland...

Black people are a double edge sword beginning to move up to work for several generations they took over or in the United States where they are in the process of trying to take over they bring good points like police brutality to the forefront they are squeaky wheel but they're also agitators they also make ridiculous demands and because they are violent society usually gives into them at the expense of the detriment of that society=

Can't I wish you well but not want to be yoked to you without being called a racist? I think I can but those who matter say otherwise but I wonder if that's what they really think, because their walk hardly matches their talk.

Our ancestors had a good strategy for survival of their lineage, they had lots of kids. They also lived in a time when you had to finance the rearing of your own kids. Now days most American's have only one or two kids and most of these parents pay for their children's needs. Unfortunately a growing segment of the population is intent on having more kids than they can afford to raise and society is allowing if not encouraging this through its policies. The result is that responsible families are becoming a smaller part of our population while irresponsible, conniving families are using the time-tested strategy of having many children to further their ethnicities chances of eventually dominating the children of the fools who currently are so kindly financing the offspring of people who hate them.

Different races do different things to adapt to their environment...the Eskimos made sunglasses out of bones with thin slits while Caucasians and Asians invented lenses and colored them to filter out the sun. Africans adapted to their climate via increased melanin while Caucasians adapted to their via less pigment Europeans. These are similar evolutionary changes but I think Africans by design tend to adapt physically to their environment and to stimuli while Caucasians in particular tend to adapt via inventiveness. W isn't that hate speech!? Not that you'll accept it but my caveat emptor is that I'm not saying that these are hard fast rules because African's also adapt via inventiveness but from what I've seen, they tendency to be more likely to find more physical solutions to

problems. The difference between races may be 5% or 10% but that difference isn't non-existent or as insignificant as you insist.

Westerners are great at inventing things but then elite tend to leave well enough alone they wanted to be traditions they want to turn it into a tradition or something like old cars in the 70s the old pricers I see one in front of me right now while Chinese and Japanese in my opinion aren't as good as in them think things but they keep looking for renovations they keep trying to make them better and better and better so really we complement each other east and west=

Did muscle cars or religions we turn everything into unassailable traditions it must be the Senate must stay the same. Fortunately however we do have Greg curiosity about other cultures and we do learn from them as well and maybe this is where some of our inventiveness comes from

Americas probably destined to be an interracial society where mixture occurs increasingly between the descendants of Southern slave owners who had no qualms about forcibly having sex with their slaves and descendants of Northerners who fought to free the slaves. We may also be dealing with karma or generational curses, as in, "what goes around comes around." It's quite likely that America will become a brown country which seems fine with most Americans. I'll be checking out soon enough and before it's a done deal and I'd be unable to influence people otherwise even if I wanted to, so I wish them well. Add to the equation, white America's adoration and idolization of; celebs, artists, athletes and entertainers, many of whom are black and I'd say it's a slam dunk...

Dogs (Mans Beast Friend!)

"I don't cry when my dog runs away, I don't get angry at the bills I have to pay"... Sublime

I think of myself as being an agreeable sort by nature which puts me at a disadvantage vis-à-vis those around me...even vis-à-vis my dog.

Nothing goes away easy, even Scooter's hair that's I've been watching out of the corner of my eye and ignoring for several days. I finally pick it up and try to drop it directly into the trash can knowing that even invisible air currents can keep it from landing where I want it to. The best I can do is make it settle on the side of the can where I have to push it two more times before it settles to the bottom, even a tuft of dog hair doesn't want to disappear into the abyss.

I've had a bunch of "worthless" dogs and I loved every one of them:)

Everyone around here expects me to trust the new pup not to mess us, but when did pups become trustworthy? They didn't, they weren't and they won't :)

The word liter is used to describe puppies and kittens as well as debris on the side of the road. It's indicative that there have always been more pups and kitties than people want and such creatures are afforded no worth.

Dogs are the only species that either chose to have a relationship with us or who we have chosen to have such a close relationship with. Today there are 500 million dogs living compared to about 10,000 Tigers maybe 50,000 Lions. Dogs may have traded freedom for security but Lions and Tigers may soon only exist in zoos or reservations. Dog can be a pain in the neck but they are also quite selfless and we love them for that!

"I knew a lady who came from Duluth

She got bit by a dog with a rabid tooth

She went to her grave just a little too soon

And she flew away howling on the yellow moon"... Nirvana

Dreams and Sleep

"Have you ever had a dream that suddenly came true... no" - Richard Burton (The Comedians)

"I'm having trouble trying to sleep, I'm counting sheep but running out"... Green Day

Dreamland

"Though my eyes could see I still was a blind man, though my mind could think I still was a mad man I hear the voices when I'm dreaming I can hear them say...."- Kansas

"I've got to keep on chasing that dream or I will never find it - I'm always just behind it"...Boston

Driving miss Daisy

"Packed like lemmings into shiny metal boxes Contestants in a suicidal race"... The Police

In driving as in life we juggle priorities... like being a good neighbor versus getting our own way and getting their fast or getting pulled over□

Most people would like to do good most of the time even when driving in the irritated at other drivers so when we don't do good we feel bad and when we don't do good we usually don't do terrible things but there are some people who do terrible things and feel good about it they're the ones that need to be stopped if not literally culled from the herd...

In life as in driving the other guy can be wrong as hell but that won't bring you back to life, so look both ways... and behind you.

It doesn't matter if just one person's rubber-necking or everyone is, the traffic still comes to a stop!

Entering the construction zone one sign says stay in the lane and another flashes your speed and says. I do but not necessarily for the right reason...I'm more interested in avoiding a ticket than for safety... I need to reconsider my motives.

There are many types of drivers some like to lead some like to follow some like to run tandem with you when you they speed up so that when you get ready to pass them all the sudden he sped up because they don't want to be alone or something I don't know these are followers or people that just want to be on a team drivers women in particular but men are susceptible to this as well=

I listen to music most of the time per my five presets and when there's nothing good or commercials, I switch to talk radio to hear pontificators pine... then it's back to music for something that makes sense:)

My wife loves her sunroof and wants to get the latest panoramic kind... I don't like it and between the sun and possible meteorites keep it closed:)

It's like these people want somebody to hold their hand but that's not what others are there to do, they're just trying to get somewhere... so fish or cut bait my friend

An inescapable part of driving and one that's fun most of the time is complaining about other drivers:)

It's pretty rare to complement other drivers even when they're doing at least as good as we do. We don't give them the benefit of the doubt, instead we criticize and overlook our own indiscretions.

I know I'm getting closer to Chicago because the foreign-language radio stations are coming... Slavic, or something but not the usual Spanish. We're still out in country music land though, which isn't all bad as there a few good songs and I enjoyed the hunting report. There've been 13,772 deer taken in Illinois so far and it's now bow hunting season. I

appreciated the safety tips on handling guns transporting guns and how not to get blown out of your deer stand by a gust of wind...

The sign on I-65 south by Driftwood River says half a mile to exit 68 but it's the longest half mile in America! Maybe you know of a stretch like that near you... I think they surveyed by Daniel Boone on a very bad day.

I really shouldn't complain about the Chicago drive that I make every three or four months because some people do it every freaking day – ouch! Besides I'm listening to Audio Slave on the radio :-)

I drive absentmindedly home from Detroit on the interstate I would like to have a microphone inside the car is that I do all the things to accidentally then I complain about other people doing to me=

My beater's got; heat, air, radio and four-wheel drive... I think I'll be happy for a while, or till the engine blows.

When driving or doing any potentially risking activity don't take shortcuts or rely on tricks like driving with your knees etc. Be careful, slow down and you'll get where you're going, get the job done right and no one's likely to get hurt!

Porsche Cayenne? I guess it's supposed to be a red hot SUV... for obvious reasons I don't really know.

Every time you go around that blind curve prepare for it like you're going to meet an idiot coming at you in the wrong lane because sooner or later you will and since you don't know when you should prepare for it every single time.

Click and Clack had it right, “don't drive might like my brother”, they would both say and I'd like to add to that the problem with driving is that too many people to drive like me!

I don't know how winter driving is in other states but here when approaching a huge pothole, there's always a car coming from the other direction so you can't swerve around it... there goes another tire!

We're never guaranteed a safe drive but if you slow down, check your blind spots, stay out of blind spots, look for brake lights and in your rearview mirror, stop texting, talk on the phone less unless using it to stay alert, pull over when tired and once again slowdown, we may greatly improve our chances of getting home alive!

“Into the distance, a ribbon of black, stretched to the point of no turning back”... Pink Floyd

Drugs and Alcohol

**“I don't get angry when my Mom smokes pot, Hits the bottle and goes right to the rock”...
Sublime**

**“I woke up this morning and I got myself a beer the future is uncertain in the end is always
near”... The Doors**

“Are you dizzy when you're stoned?”... Led Zeppelin

**“I like a good beer buzz early in the morning and Billy likes to peel the label from his
bottles of Bud...all I want to do is have some fun till the sun comes up over Santa Monica
Blvd”...Sheryl Crow**

**Drunkenness is a nation, ideology and religion and to some degree so is addiction although
it's not yet recognized by the UN. Alcoholism “legit” because it's been around forever,
otherwise it would be considered a cult like drugs.**

**Alcohol extroverts me, pot introverts me, both are okay in small doses if you can handle
them but too much, is too much.**

**Drugs are a monkey hitchhiking on your back, whispering sweet nothings in your ear... get
a dog.**

**This may be bragging but here goes... quit almost 20 years ago, music still sounds good,
food taste's great, bills are getting paid and I can smell the roses again... it wasn't easy but
it was worth it!**

**Quit that other stuff, addict yourself to a woman, but don't allow yourself to be enslaved by
her either, just addicted...**

**When and where did people first become alcoholics or addicts? Was it 20,000 years ago or
a million and was it fermented fruit, shrooms or something else?**

**Might I be so crass as to say many of those who never smoked are often unenlightened. Not
saying you have to smoke to be enlightened but I think it's helped a lot of people attain a
different outlook that they never would've had otherwise. Some who never smoked have a
similar open-mindedness or whatever you want to call it regarding society and the universe
and many of those who have smoked still don't enjoy it.**

**I agree with Rahm Emanuel when he says don't let any crisis go unused, except he seems to
wants to use them to spend OPM on what he thinks is important, instead of individuals
using a crisis for something like quitting bad habits.**

Let a woman be your drug. She may hurt you as bad as the one you're on now or she may save you but in any case she can give you more than drugs and for God sake it's worth giving women a try.

Hershey semi-sweet's my methadone... I'm on a maintenance dose.

"Well I woke up this morning and I got myself a beer if you just uncertain in the end is always near"... the Doors

"So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains and we never even know we have the key"... Eagles

"I want a new drug

One that does what it should

One that won't make me feel too bad

One that won't make me feel too good"... Huey Lewis and the News

"My heart was aching, hands are shaking, bugs are crawling all over me... Can somebody please just tie me down"... Nathaniel Rateliff

"If you got the money honey we got your disease"...Guns & Roses

Economics

We need checks and balances in the labor market just like in the financial and political arenas. Unfortunately in the U.S., labor and owners are at each other's throats, seemingly wanting to destroy each other, especially the owners. Most American seem to accept this e winner take all system... IMO because they've been duped by the owners and because labor tends to over reach when it gets a bit of power. The rich take the lion's share of the fruit of other's labor and strikes are broken by cheap labor and automation. A good share of profits are however redistributed to the poor through government schemes... unfortunately it's middle class money that gets redistributed not the rich's.

Education

"When I think of all the crap I learned in high school it's a wonder I can think at all... if u took all the girls... it wouldn't match my sweet imagination"... Simon and Garfunkel

“I came to Casablanca for the waters. The waters? What waters? We're in the desert...I was misinformed”... Rick (Casablanca)

“Should i try and be a straight "A" student? If you are then you think too much”... Billy Joel

Ego

“What I am is what I am, you’re what you are or were”... Amy Brickell

Elites

Is it making a deal with the director like making a deal with the devil? Is there something wrong with letting others run your life because you're too lazy too, or is it okay because you’re satisfied with their performance and content with the situation?

End of Days

“There’s nothing sure in this world and there’s nothing pure in this world and there's nothing left in this world start again!”... Billy Idol

“I'd love to change the world but I don't know what to do so I leave it up to you”... Alvin Lee (Ten Years After)

“Helter skelter in a summer swelter

The birds flew off with a fallout shelter”...Don McLean

Ancient astronauts and Mark of the beast might represent how man has always wondered if we had visitors from above gods or otherwise and secondly man’s fear of big government, which has always been around and its desire to control our every action and transaction.

Should I care if Iran gets a bomb? You say prophetically they're going to be blown up anyway, so does it really matter? Shouldn't "it" just be gotten get it over with? Unless you're planning on preventing Armageddon, which you say can't be prevented, then just do "what you have to do", if you're the hand of God. Conversely they're trying to make "it" happen with the only difference being they think they'll win. Furthermore both sides say the other side and all the fence-sitters are going to hell anyway, so stop playing games, lay your cards on the table and get "it" over with ASAP, or grow up, learn to tolerate people who don't agree with you and give us a freaking break.

Christianity light has some respect for other religions, Christianity heavy has very little and is apocalyptic Islam's logical partner when it comes to ushering in the apocalypse. Christianity light isn't so fixated on the end of the world instead generally focusing on social change and the liberal teachings of Jesus. In any case America's the Christian superpower and therefore may play a role in the end of the world as we know it.

At this point it may be regardless of whether the majority of American's like it or not... "we the people", have drank the Kool-Aid and though I doubt the founding fathers would concur, the saints and apostles probably would.

Most of the Christian neocons who love and support Israel unconditionally the Arabs will not be around when the next part of prophecy comes around. These later day Christians will see their duty as shifting from arming the Jewish state to converting the Jews. Today's Christian's will not be around to defend Israel even if they wanted to and tomorrows fundamentalists will see conversion of the Jews as just one more necessary step in heralding in the return of Jesus. They will be as bristling towards the Jews as they are to the Palestinians today. The truth will be as manipulated then then as it is now by the likes of Hannity and Garrison and their descendants will have one thing in mind... full-fill prophecy as they see it and defeat all who stand in their way.

Have we been on a crusade we have been in a religious war in the Middle East since the state of Israel was created? I don't think so but I think religion is playing a part in our policies. If prophecy is correct Judeo Christianity will win this religious war. After-words if prophecy is correct a new phase will play out with many Jews deceived by the antichrist. I've heard some say that prophecy says that a significant portion of the Jewish people are killed and the rest convert to Christianity So there is a convenient alliance between Christians and Jews now but that may change in the future.

All I "know" is that we seem to have arrived at this point. How, why and where we end up is another matter... but don't worry there're plenty of experts willing to provide you with the answers. They are either part of the solution, part of the problem or a bit of both because they are also promoting the age old conspiracy or truth.

Correct me if I'm wrong but the Christians I know tend to think and/or act like they must unconditionally support Israel or they will go to hell. In the future is it true they will think they must convert the Jews or go to hell and if the Christians don't support this they think they will go to hell so it's always something always=

Did dropping the atom bomb on Japan end World War II or just speed up the end and did the establishment of the state of Israel usher in the end of days or would it have happened anyway? Religionists probably say it was necessary for Israel to be established to usher in the end... they're probably right but once again I wonder if this whole shooting match is God's plan or mans?

War against tyrants and the terrible pain that comes with it may be the universes tragic version of, "what goes around comes around"... it may be how the universe "heals itself."

This meant to be amateur analysis not an attempt to predict future. Hillary Clinton get's elected and is as hawkish as necessary. Being an opportunist IMO but one with her own religious and other biases, as well as being under pressure from AIPAC, fundamentalist Christians, Republicans and events on the ground to make war, she could be the one with a finger on the button and the chance to star in Armageddon. Afterwards or in a couple or few generations, do the Christians turn on Israel or does the human race figure out a way to live in peace? Meanwhile, who are the good guys and the bad guys? Most people, including me believe ISIS are the bad guys but are we and the Israelis' good guys? When 1,000 mostly civilian Palestinians are killed to atone for the murder 3? Israeli teens and about 75 mostly Israeli military die too it's not as clear to me as it seems to be to most American that we and the Israelis are the good guys.

Might it be Isis or Iran that's the spark igniting the powder keg and what will Israel's role? They may logically be expected to launch an attack on Iran or encourage/convince us to take out Iran's nuclear capability but in a war against ISIS, Israel's role would probably be less seen and a more behind the scene.

"If there's a bustle in your hedgerow don't be alarmed now, it's just a spring clean for the may queen"... Zep

"The future won't last, it will soon be over tomorrow"... Beatles

"To sit with elders of the gentle race, this world has seldom seen, they talk of days for which they sit and wait, all will be revealed"...Led Zeppelin

EVolution

I think it's more likely the earth's 14 or 15 billion years old not 10,000. Some would have us believe such scientific information is satanic misinformation. That position seems as unlikely to me to be true as the theory that near-death experiences by those in other cultures who see their savior is also a satanic deception. Though not privy to any inside information, I wonder why God would allow this. He certainly could allow that and his ways are not for us to understand but the more likely reason in my opinion is that since the age of the earth or near death experiences are not what some people want them to be, the usual quick and dirty "the devil made them do it" rational is pulled out of their pocket.

If humans are a fallen race/species it's not because we were made in the image of God, it's because we evolved from ape like creatures and we will never be like God. We have however evolved somewhat beyond apes and hopefully will evolve further and with that evolution lose more and more of the killer ape streak that we have inherited and that makes us so deadly to each other. Just to add a little spice to the discussion, does Genesis 1:26, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness", mean that there is more than one God, or does this refer to the trinity or something else?

Almost all of humanities problems can be solved by tweaking not war but that's not the nature of the beast.

The next leap forward for mankind should be for us to stop killing each other. The problem with that is we have; opposable thumbs, self-awareness and a desire for things that other's possess. If a country gives up the means of making war even for defensive reasons, it will eventually be at the mercy of other countries that aren't so enlightened. If

an individual gives up the means of self-defense he or she will eventually be at the mercy of other individuals who aren't so enlightened.

Environment

I guess I have to respect those whose religion is environmentalism and actually don't see it at much different than other cults. As long as they don't infringe on other's rights to believe as they see fit and hopefully the religion of environmentalism encourages people to act morally. Unfortunately it like other cults probably aspires to domination over other "inferior" religions and will attempt to run the show for everyone. Another problem with the religion of environmentalism is that it tends to also encourage or demand the worship of political correctness and that leads to the veneration of current leaders...

Evolution

The fact that some very smart people discount creation makes it no more true or false than the fact that some very smart people discount evolution. Faith versus hard evidence is a tough nut to crack and I don't have a nutcracker :)

You have the potential to be a good husband (or wife) and a good parent. The eventual outcome is mostly up to you.

Experience

Dogs bark, coffee spills, paint peels and metal rusts. That's just the way it is and to enjoy life you have to pay a price, cause Murphy's lurking in the shadows.

The thing about great experience is that by the time a fellow acquires it he's likely to have also acquired a failing memory... leading to more and more of those "what did I come in here for?" moments.

Faith

You seem to have great faith and believe in things others aren't ready to and that's fine but that's a lousy reason to persecute others.

When it comes down to it you can have blind faith and then act accordingly according to what the book they tell you is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth tells you to do, or you can use the limited but very real intelligence God gave you and you be at odds

with much of society but you might make more sense of what you see around you and acting accordingly.

Are we supposed to have blind faith in religious teachings and reject; science, fossils, the bulk of archaeology and much of history? When what they're telling us sounds like ancient myths that can sometimes be traced to earlier religions or debunked scientifically I find blind faith a Cool Aid type proposition but billions find it comforting. Not that I have the inside scoop but I'd be surprised if God wants us to ignore our; eyes, ears and the evidence around us that theirs still meaning to life when we respectfully disagree with what the religionists tell us is true.

Family Matters!

"Daddy only stares into the distance, there's only so much more that he can take"...The Police

"But it's okay because apparently I'm going to miss all this crap someday"... Frankie Heck

"And offended brother is more unyielding then a fortified city"... Proverbs 18:19

My family's more important than my foundation but everyone must pull their own weight. meanwhile I will be judged by actions not words ...harshly.

Once again I said some things for which I'll probably have to pay a price... I'm not happy about it but what's done is done. There are very few things I've enjoyed as much as drinking a beer with dad after coming home from a day in New York City. That doesn't mean we were always on the same page or loved each other unconditionally but we did love each other. The argument I had with my son yesterday ending in a cussing match wasn't necessarily constructive or destructive. It did involve venting by both of us and unfortunately was unnecessarily cruel... Time will tell how it plays out and I hope we don't have another one for a long, long time.

I don't know if I'm mentally ill, or you are, or everyone else is... it's seems to me we're all different and sometimes hard to get along with but it's the one's that snap out and act out violently who are sick. The can snap due to various factors and some people encounter more of them than others, so we should try to help but not excuse them if they commit violent crimes.

There's a social contract with your family when it comes to staying in touch. I talked to Dad almost every day at the end and now talk to Mom every couple. I talk to my kids as frequently as possible, to my sister not nearly enough and hardly ever to my brother but we

correspond by email. Anyway like Aerosmith said, “stay in touch with Momma kin”... and like someone else said, “no man should be an island.”

Hooser? I don't think so... my mother wasn't here to drink the water during her pregnancies, we're Jerseyites and Okies :)

Zero population growth is exactly that... if you think that by having two kids you'll be saving the planet and replacing you and your spouse think again. Instead for a variety of reasons many of us will have no grandkids and go extinct...do you self a flavor and have three kids :)

Don't get married and become a parent if you're sure you can't do it, if you're not sure, I think it's worth the risk... You have the potential to be a good husband (or wife) and a good parent, there's no guarantees and the eventual outcome is mostly up to you...

Never really thought about it before but I must've taken Horace Greely's admonition to heart... so did all my siblings. He was a Univeralist... "Universalism is a religious, theological, and philosophical concept with universal application or applicability"... Wikipedia.

Kids hector and wives badgers, especially in the early years, so what else is new? They also brighten and enlighten... immensely :)

I'm more like my mom but I may have learned more from my dad...

You got have your genes from; Eldibs and Breedloves, which means you also got genes from; Walkers, Jarrels, Mitchells, Seitzs, Marshs, Drums, Abbassis etc.

There can be lots of arguments for why we want our genes to keep swimming in the pool like we don't like other people but that may not really be true maybe we just don't want our progeny to miss out on the fun.

I'd like to introduce you to the complainants...aka my family:)

Sitting on a bucket breaking shingles and thinking what if I had a grandson next to me? What if anything can you learn from this? What might he say and what would I tell him? Think I'd say it's not just breaking shingles, it's a quiet time for reflection and maybe learning about life. It's about how to get shingles in grocery bags without busting so the garbage man will take them, it's about not making them weigh too much so he won't strain his back. It's about saving the good ones to someday use for a doghouse and remembering to pick up lose nails so they cause flat tires. Even this mundane task has lessons... but he'd probably learn even more at school.

Believe it or not, it's not so much my genes I want to see swimming in the pool, so much as our families genes and that goes all the way back to our ancient and even prehistoric

ancestors. I may be crazy but I care about those people whether or not they're looking down on us from the great beyond...Homo Sapiens, Neanderthals, Homo-whatever, all the way back to our common ancestors in the rift valley :)

Slogans; "I'm so mad at..." Person # 1

"I'm so Anxious"... Person # 2

"I don't know, I have no idea"... Person # 3

"That's so retarded"... Person # 4

Should I remain silent on this episode of family history? Did it give me PTSD am I just a crybaby or is an important part of his family history that should be reported?

An emotional young mother sits on the porch steps with her baby on her lap...a young father comes home from work...

Looking at the fire pit and the surrounding property I thought to myself, "kids, someday this can all be yours", at least you can be the caretaker, until God or the lawyers give it to someone else.

Siblings who are unmarried have a rough time and I sympathize with them but I'm sorry to say that if they'd gotten or stayed married or at least had a boy-friend or girl-friend things would be better. That's why you get married so that you'll have a partner, even if that partner sometimes seems like a pain in the neck. I'm, sorry but if you never take a chance on marriage don't expect that when you call your brother or sister and ask them to do this or fix that, that they happily will. Having a spouse and raising a family isn't easy but it probably results in having a better support network than when you don't have these. It's never too late to at least find a mate...

As far as nieces and nephews go, as soon as they stop thanking they're going to stop getting. If they're ungrateful why should I treat them like little princes and princesses? If does them more harm than good to do that and though it's true that "giving is its own reward", appreciation would be appreciated:-)

I'm not just hoping and lobbying for grandchildren for my sake or my wife's, there're a lot of others here and beyond hoping for the same thing. I'm not one bit ashamed to ask, hope and pray for grandkids... it would be the fulfillment of God's instructions and nature's wish.

Every family has its problems. I can leave it at that or expound on it endlessly. Instead I will expand on it slightly. The big family with its patriarch and matriarch may seem profoundly happy and successful but those in the know, know better. The tiny family that struggles to even survive obviously has its problems too...

I love you all but not more than I love the human race. I can either take care of you or try to do what I think I should and hopefully help many people, although you may not agree with me. I must follow the dictates of my conscience and no one else's, so you will have to make a success or a go of it yourselves.

You can devote yourself to helping those in need be they family, friends or others and if you help them to help themselves you've doing a good deed. If however you just keep giving them fish and they keep asking for more fish instead of for poles and fishing lessons, you might want to ask yourself, are you really helping them? At that point you might want to lend them poles and teach them to fish and if they refuse them, cut your losses, move on and let them move on. Unless you can multiply fish like Jesus is said to have done, you may be serving them better by letting them figure things out for themselves.

My big problem last night was the buzzing fly in our bedroom and the excitement this morning was getting my pancakes. I know people struggle with a lot of worse than that and I do too. Like everybody with struggles, problems and challenges sometimes I dwell on the minor ones and the others go on the back burner where they might belong...for a while.

I am learning to forgive friends, siblings and others who IMO and for whatever reason have hurt or offended me. I should forgive them because they're in difficult situations, have had difficult hurdles to clear and may have been subjected to abuses I am unaware of. I have a harder time forgiving the people who've done these things to them but I should consider that these other people had their trials and tribulations that caused them to act the way they did so I probably should forgive them too... hmmm these are tall orders! Caveat Emptor... of course I'm as guilty as anyone else of hurting and offending my friends, siblings and others ☐

"Family is a bunch of people not doing what they want"... Mike Heck

"I'm like a bridge that was washed away

My foundations were made of clay.

As my soul slides down to die

How could I lose him?

What did I try?"... Clapton

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity"... Proverbs 17:17

Fear

“You live your life like a canary in a coal mine you get so dizzy even walking in a straight line”... The Police

Fecal Matters (Too):)

“Food is feces in waiting”...Dennis Bourdain show in Quebec

It's better to be on the toilet and not need it, then need a toilet and not be on it Alan Harper

A guy went to the bathroom and for a change out came a nice little turd. Clean up was easy and it wouldn't hurt a fly:)

I can't focus on a nose hair between my fingertips and not sure I'd want to, but there's more than one way to tell if it's there...

Where we go to eat shouldn't be a big deal because eating is as normal as eventually disposing of said meal. Both can be either pleasant or not and the latter often depends on the what you had for the former. Granted we want good meals even more than we want good shits and a nice restaurant is as important as a nice bathroom:)

It's the holiday season, I'm eating poorly and constipation has set in... Ahhhhh it was nice getting rid of that one!

Dang that's a big one as in that's a good one to leave it home as in I hate to be carrying it around all day looking for a place to drop it off.

I use the word jackass a lot when driving, in reference to other drivers even though I'm as bad as the next guy. I use the words MF a lot when doing handyman stuff even though the accidents are usually my fault and oh yeah bugs make me say MF it too:□

It's bad enough when a man uses a urinal at the airport and doesn't wash his hands but when he comes out of the poop stall and doesn't and then you see him on the plane, it's “yikes!”

I stepped into the bathroom and dangity, dang it smelled unmistakably of girl poop... I've heard that some women won't even poop on the same floor as their husband:)

This might be a hard landing, please assume the fecal position....:)

A couple hours after lunch I rushed down the stairs making it to the throne just in time. “This is a pretty good place for this to happen”, I thought. My original plan would've had me out and about... not good! PS: I'm going to start taking sea food expiration dates more seriously:)

“It's better to be on the toilet and not need it, then need a toilet and not be on it”... Alan Harper

“A woman can be proud and stiff

When on love intent;

But Love has pitched his mansion in

The place of excrement;

For nothing can be sole or whole

That has not been rent”...Yeats

Feelings

“...how to loosen the jar from the nose of the bear”... Kenny Loggins

Foibles

I like having at one foot on the planet at all times and if possible...2, 3, 4 or 5:)

Got another incredible haircut today and I don't mean in a good way...that's why it pays to get a cheap haircut a week before a business trip.

Life is just one fucking thing after another and it's easy to give up...

As he walked back down the stairs to retrieve the item he'd forgotten he said “how the hell do I continually screw this up?”

It's just that some people are rounder pegs than others...

Food and Drink

“I like my sugar with coffee and cream”... The Beastie Boys

The chocolate was so good I bit my tongue and it was just Hershey's... imagine what Godiva would've done!

It's pretty sad when your life revolves around your next cheeseburger or piece of cake, so why am I smiling:)

The only thing I did right today was have oatmeal for breakfast...

Just call me ate too much:)

I need to start treating sugar like the addiction it is and stop thinking that eating walnuts with chocolate makes everything okay. It is what it is and I need to eat less sugary foods and if I want to eat walnuts because they're good for me I should do so without just using it as an excuse to eat Hershey bars... yummy though they are:)

Forgiveness

We're told to forgive and some people can while other's can't unless they can somehow also forget. That doesn't mean lobotomies, it means forgiving is great and if you can't pull that off, try to cut people some slack

Freedom and Free Speech

What it boils down to is I don't like being; coerced, forced, manipulated, engineered or hoodwinked into making decisions related to; speech, thought, religion, association or anything else... silly me:)

A controversial remark is often meant to be the starting point for discussion or debate about a subject and as such may include stereotypes etc., which may have grains of truth to them but which may also be said tongue in cheek and only represent outliers.

I certainly don't claim to have received divine inspiration but I do have an opinion and as far as I know still live in a country where I can express it, albeit there are consequences for doing so. That being said, my opinion is that claims of being a master race or a chosen people etc. are spurious. Others differ greatly and some differ violently on the matter and therein lies the rub and one of the reasons why people can't seem to live permanently in peace.

There are words we get in trouble for saying in public but as far as I know we can still think them. That's because they can control what we say but not what we think...at least not yet.

Of course everybody should be set free if they aren't already but their freedom shouldn't result in somebody else becoming enslaved or encumbered but unfortunately that seems to be what often happens and therein lies the proverbial rub.

If lions are threatening people and they are endangered then as a last resort they should be killed as a first resort they should be tranquilized and relocated. If an airline doesn't want to transport “animal trophies” that's fine with me.

“All eyes are open or opening to the rights of man”... Thomas Jefferson, but what does that mean? We may have a pretty good idea what it meant to Tom, but to others it's open to interpretation. Does it mean the right to unfettered capitalism or does it mean the right for health care and additional living expenses at the expense of the taxpayer?

Freedom of Association

I'm not asking for; secession, segregation or separation, just the right to make our own decisions. The PTB shouldn't unduly influence or decide for us who and how associate and relate to. They are uncannily successful at steering us via; commercials, news, taxation, education and legislation.

Freedom of association also means freedom of disassociation...

What I resent is when people or authorities forcibly insert themselves into other people's lives... our neighborhoods, businesses, churches or whatever. That's where freedom ends and tyranny begins...we shouldn't be foisted upon you nor you on us.

People shouldn't be pressured or manipulated into associating with anyone in particular per somebody else's agenda. Usually we're told that it's not pressure, it's just wise encouragement, but when you're encouraging us through legislation taxation etc. there's a problem and it's called pissing on someone's back and calling it rain.

So you shouldn't have to provide somebody a product or service if you disagree with them morally, religiously etc. unless it has to do with life, limb or staples of life, like food, water and clothing. You shouldn't be forced to bake them what you consider a lewd cake, or photograph their wedding, in a worst-case scenario people can do those things themselves. The only punishment for not doing what they ask or demand should be loss of revenue, unless life, limb or staples of life are involved.

I could Say their particular people I don't want to live among but it's more that there are people with particular beliefs and behaviors who I don't want to live among. The next question is, do certain groups of people tend to hold/demonstrate such beliefs and behaviors? I would say yes... and that there's also a relevant bell curve for them and for

“us”, meaning that this is a generalization and you would call it a stereotype and I would say neither of those terms is meaningless or right all the time and probably not right most of the time but they are right enough of the time that they shouldn’t be dismissed.

Freedom of Thought

I am a proponent of opting out instead of having to accept one of the; major religions or parties. There is another way and it’s opting out, acting individually or together and realizing that there’re more viable positions than the one or two that we’re usually told are the only legitimate choice or choices.

If you’re a worker bee or a soldier ant you’ll take marching orders from your “superiors” and that’s a sad waste of grey matter.

Men and women have a different outlook on life and I respect that but I don't want to be ruled by women which looks like the direction we're heading. Men have largely acquiesced to that and relinquished their responsibilities. It's not the first time in history that this is happened...

Since 55% of Americans say the confederate flag should not be on government property, the pundit said if something means one thing to you but another thing to someone else you should understand that and acquiesce. I agree you should understand there point of view but she lost me on the acquiesce part... just because it means something else for them doesn't mean that their opinion should override yours. Let the states decide what flags they'll display and let individuals decide what flags if any they chose to fly... the notion that certain flags must be relegated to museums and eventually to dusty back rooms therein is socially engineered, group-think at its worst.

No one should get a pass if they have dictatorial notions, no matter what oppressed segment of the population they come from... No one’s untouchable and when a person pleads discrimination as a smoke screen for anti-freedom intentions they need to be called out.

Of course I care what people think but I'm trying not to base my life on it, no matter who they think they are or claim to represent...I don't know if you're right about me or not and might modify my thinking and behavior as a result of your opinion but I won’t volunteer for minion-hood, because as foolish as it may sound I intend to chart my own course using my own choice advisers great and small...:)

The pundit/activist says anybody can live here even the KKK as long as they follow our rules and therein lies the rub you're setting the rules for everyone not just KKK the people

to the left of them but to the right of you. The fact that you have the money, media, schools and courts in your pocket means your rules, agenda and worldview prevails and no one else's has a chance. The American Constitution you have flushed down the toilet

Sent from my iPhone=

Freedom of and/or From Religion

Religions that convert by violence are showing that they cannot attract enough people with their message. If they can't win the religious debate they intend to win the religious war and that is sick.

Freedom of and/or freedom from religion... are they attainable?

The candidate said a Muslim shouldn't be president. I don't care what religion the president is if he respects and enforces freedom of religion for all peaceful religions... maybe that's why the candidate wouldn't want a Muslim to be president and that's why I wouldn't want any religionist to be POTUS.

I am not anxious to, but think I'm willing to die for freedom of religion but not for any religion per se not even my own and especially not for those religions that espouse violence, conquest and utter exclusivity.

The "Great Commission" is fantastic but will you allow freedom of religion and if so how narrowly will you define it?

I'm not for this religion or that one, I'm for the ones that honor freedom of religion .

Yes we have it but like any freedom it's not free and it comes with a cost, especially if you're not the member of a minority religion.

I do not consider myself agnostic or atheist at all though religionist may call me that, but I respect the opinion of agnostics or atheists as much as anyone else's.

Freedom of peaceful religions. Arguably none of them are but of course they wouldn't agree. At the Phoenix anti-Islam demonstration a man says that if Islam is based on killing people from his religion that makes Muslims his enemies. He may have a point, as might Muslims who say that a component of American foreign policy is subjugating Muslims. It comes back to the original question...are there any peaceful religions? I think I'll ask Gandhi.

Certain people find it very difficult not to be the way they are in fact we all struggle because we are DNA program. The ones I'm thinking about are the type base that have to dominate and have to be the big dog. Their natural leaders but many of them are natural assholes and it's very hard for them to change they don't want to but we want them to. It's also nature versus nurture here in many cases. But when somebody is an asshole and those around hope they will change it could be quite difficult but they shouldn't be let off the hook. If they want to be assholes fine but we should walk away from them instead of letting them lead us astray... that's probably what they're saying about me:)

Friends, Romans, Countrymen (Lend me your...)

“A man of many companions may come to ruin it but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother”...Proverbs 18:24

“I got friends in low places think I'll slip on down to the oasis”... Garth Brooks

“I get by with a little help from my friends I'm going to try with a little help from my friends”... The Beatles

Does it make any sense that I turn down the friendship of a black man but except the friendship of a white man even though the white man has done me wrong and the black man has not but I'm doing it based on a "" greater racial reason of course it makes no sense on most levels but on one level it does at least to me and I am not punishing the black man but I am responding to the situation based on the greater situation as I see it and the repercussions and the replacement of our race.

Why do I care about this friend's plight? I could say - why not, I don't know or give you a long drawn out explanation ...take your pick :)

I know I'm not right all the time, in fact I'm probably wrong at least half the time but I doubt I'm wrong 90% of the time, as my friends seem to think:)

I've been a jerk many times as my friends can attest...but I am trying to quit,

Some people have so many friends and such large families that they have the luxury of associating only with those who agree with them. I don't have that luxury but think they're the ones with the raw deal... especially if they take advantage of their situation.

If there's one good thing about not having many friends, it's all the extra time you have for other things.

There may be times to dominate, squelch or put others down but if you know somebody who regularly does the above or humiliates others, then there's a problem. It's time to reevaluate such friendships and though automatically ending it may not be the answer, reevaluating and at the very least getting on a more even keel is.

There're a whole lotta people out there that're your friend as long as you're doing their bedding and not a minute longer... you need them like a hole in the head.

I have friends that; dominate, ridicule and humiliate but my best friends don't.

Those of us who are damaged or broken, which is just about everyone can usually be repaired...

We're both broken but not messed up, or are we messed up but not broken:)

Funny how traits like persistence and determination are seen as so positive until someone you know uses them to your disadvantage, then they become personality disorders and affronts.

"I'm so happy cause today I found my friends are in my head"... Nirvana

**"Like a broken tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble"...
Proverbs 25:19**

"We all have friends who no matter what you tell them will always pick the wrong thing to do"... "Mancow" Muller

Gandhi

I like Gandhi's remark , that "If I had ever met a true Christian, I would have become one." Sorry to say there's some truth to that statement and another of his reported quotes, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." I think he went too far but considering his dealings and persecution at the hands of British rulers who wouldn't let the Indian's spin their own cotton into yarn, instead they had to send what they grew to English textile mills. Gandhi also opposed the Salt Tax which reportedly gave the British a complete monopoly on selling or producing salt in India.

Everyone thinks he or she's enlightened, no one considers them self a trog... it's another one of those uniquely human traits. Whether through our religion education upbringing or experiences we all think we're ahead of the pack when it comes to having "seen the light."

Generation Gasp

“Oh, and there we were all in one place, a generation lost in space

With no time left to start again

So come on Jack be nimble, Jack be quick

Jack Flash sat on a candlestick 'cause fire is the devil's only friend”...

Don McLean

“We are far too young and clever”... Dexys Midnight Runners

“We didn't start the fire it's been burning, burning since the world's been turning”... Billy Joel

Genius and Stupidity

“Stupid has a gravitational pull”...Dave Ramsey

“It takes a very smart person to know when to act dumb”... Anna Nicole Smith

Geniuses are a dime a dozen, Einstein's are diamonds.

Use your noggin and other people's too... especially if they're smart.

Unfortunately treachery trumps brilliance and hard work most of the time and therein lies the rub. Some call it the devil, others call it entropy but call it what you will it's a major reason the world is a mess. Chess usually trumps checkers, poker often trumps chess and unfortunately treachery usually trumps them all...

No one alive has all the pieces and even if they did they wouldn't be able to put the puzzle together... but there's nothing wrong with trying.

If one group is the most intelligent on earth it stands to reason they'd dominate; finance, stocks, business, legal, scientific etc. so why be more upset about it than about another group dominating athletics? One reason to be more upset is that it's more likely that finance, stocks, business, legal, scientific etc. can be dominated by; manipulation collusion and cronyism than the mile run or the 100 meter dash.

If it's true that the smartest people should run things and become a princely class then it's also probably true that the strongest people should do the same and that's probably why we have battles for dominance because smart people team with strong people and when those coalitions vie for power the ordinary people get hurt.

Some people are born brilliant and have brilliant careers, others are slow starters taking a lifetime to rise to the occasion, in the end lifetimes of knowledge tragically fade away regardless of where you started from... unless you archive.

Regarding the highly intelligent species of animals; apes, parrots, dolphins etc. and great apes in particular since we seem to be able to communicate with them some extent... is there some to ask if they understand procreation? Do they understand that sex leads to babies? Just curious :)

Jefferson, Franklin, Einstein and Cro-Magnon were as intelligent as anybody alive today and though their knowledgebase was far less than ours their intellect was not.

When I see people who I think are from India I think, “wow, I bet they can spell”, that's a stereotype... but not the worst kind.

Animal rights groups supposedly want some animals like chimps to have more rights than some people who are retarded and vice versa, because a healthy chimp supposedly has more emotion and intelligence than a mentally disabled human... hmm, slippery slope.

Call me obstinate but even though they're very, very, very smart people out there, I don't think they should be running our lives. If they want to improve lives it's one thing, if they're intent on controlling them it's another.

You are certainly smarter than me and probably wiser but on the on the bell curve continuum neither one of us is very far to the right. In other words we're not all that smart and especially not particularly wise considering all the knowledge and wisdom their must be in the universe. So don't expect me to accept verbatim your claims of wisdom, brilliance or divine inspiration. Per the bell curve I think you're every bit as human as the rest of us susceptible to every foible, vice, problem and sin everyone else is and therein lies the rub

The average man has plenty of brains he just doesn't use them. On the other hand guys with great big brains just abuse them.

Funny, the less a fellow knows, the more the wants to tell you all about it:)

Funny how guys grow beards when they want to be taken seriously but we should see their charade for what it is! The longer and bushier it is the more arrogant and falsely profound they act but a clean shave or a three day growth is no more likely to guarantee the truth. The proof is in the pudding and always has been.

You are probably the keenest intellects on the planet and if all of you worked for good the world would be a better place. Some of you do that, others of you work for personal or your own peoples gain and therein lies the rub. Others of you think you're working for the

good of others but it's usually for those who won't work for themselves so the gains you make for them are at the expense of others and Theron lies rub number two.

If you trust a man who's already put you through the ringer, plan on him taking you to the cleaners this time...

Scientists say if we can figure out the Big Bang we'll know the mind of God but in this infinite universe that won't scratch the surface...

"Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues"... Proverbs 17:28

"Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions"... Proverbs 18:2

"I'm an optimist but even when you're an optimist it's smart to be a realist first"...Bob Iger

God

"And the morals that they worship will be gone"... The Who

Some of the morals they we worship probably should be gone but not all of them...

Ever notice how good and God are just one letter apart... I thought you had:)

You get hammered for intellectualizing religion which in itself seems a bogus way to end a conversation but there's also the idea that a thinking man should think and not be shamed into anything else.

Recently the Pope said, "when we read about Creation in Genesis, we run the risk of imagining God was a magician, with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so." That's interesting but since God's apparently so much more advanced than we'll ever be then relatively speaking people will always see him as a guy with a magic wand.

Did God create us as his playthings and make us violent because he likes action shows? At least he gave us families, sex, food and other stuff that makes it pleasurable some or most of the time. As if we weren't a crazy enough species to begin with, then HE went and made cars for us and we all have one that's stylish and fast:)

I wish people'd stop asking if I believe the Nicene creed until they can present substantiated quotes from; Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Franklin that they believed

it... and if all you're going to do is say they were baptized I'll call that at best circumstantial evidence.

In this infinite universe we will invent create and discover wondrous and amazing things but we will never touch the face of God.

Plain simple and without any proof one way or the other, I don't think that God would condemn billions of people to burn in hell perhaps eternally. I think it is possible highly unlikely and probably more likely to be a human construct. Throughout history there have been people wanting to be gods and they have demand that they be worshiped. I can't prove or disprove it, so all I do is state that I'm incredulous that God would do what the religionists say he does. There are and historically have been billions of people who never hear the name of Christ but in an infinite universe those billions are perhaps but an insignificant drop in the bucket perhaps but I still do not find it a convincing claim. I find it more convincing that some people want to be worshiped and realizing that most people have a God shaped hole in their heart they do their best to fill that niche.

Does God exist? It's argued all the time but IMO no one's proven it either way. All that's been established after centuries of science religion and debate is that we have a ways to go and may be on the cusp of proving it one way or the other, or that we're no closer than people were 2,000 years ago.

I pray for God's mercy and also that he doesn't roam the corridors of his heavenly abode thinking of ways to torment and punish people who have occasional doubts about religion because of their exposure to the ranting, excesses and outright wickedness of many of those who claim to represent him on earth.

There seems to me to be as much evidence that God doesn't exist, as evidence that he does exist. Horrendous, crimes, man's inhumanity to man, natural disasters, disease, infirmity, capriciousness etc... I wish it wasn't the case but sometimes I need to summon considerable faith in order to believe in God...

Quarks etc. Electromagnetism, gravity, weak force and strong force are four things the physicist say have to be in very precise balance for life as we know it to occur. Some of them think there's a mathematical equation that ties these together in a God equation... hmm. That's probably wishful thinking but interesting.

There are a couple of questions that matter as far as I can tell one is who's reading who's true who's telling the truth is Christianity telling the truth all truth nothing but the truth is Islam telling truth whole truth nothing but the truth is Judaism is Hinduism Bubba blah so that's question number one question number two is whose teachings are the best as in the most wonderful and light in the ad center etc. between those four in other religions who's

are the best teachings and if the teachings are the most enlightened but they're not telling the truth cultures and all another was a truth then what does that mean=

Are the teachings that great I mean are they perfect are they without error are they morally supreme Do they hold all the answers to how we should behave morally or are they possibly Flawed do we give our shirt or jacket or pants or money to the poor even know they are thieving sometimes and do we just do it with the assumption that that's what God wants us to do and he will sort them out they will decide or what so we have the questions of number one are their messages their claims true and number two are their moral teachings flawless I cannot think of a single religion where I think this applies

I believe in a personal God in as far as there is a great, infinite power and wisdom that we can tap into, regarding the claims by various religions that they have the patent I consider their claims unproven... but what do I know:)

If you're not a Christian your life has no meaning is what I heard and I wonder how much space there is between that and believing that non-Christian lives have no value. That's a scary proposition especially when you want government policies to be based on Christian values. Add to this, that Christians are about 31% of the world's population and you come up with, the notion that the lives of 69% of the world's people have no meaning and perhaps little or no value... Like the song says, "that's a fine looking high horse." It's the world's dominant cult and when fundamentalists reign the most dangerous.

I heard there are people whose lives have meaning and people whose lives have no meaning depending on what religion they join... is it just me or is that nuts!

The universe seems to operate under some fairly logical laws of physics etc., while the God of the Bible doesn't seem particularly logical. Obviously if the God of the Bible is the God of the universe, he can do whatever he wants but I'm wondering more about the ancient astronaut theory and if it might relate to the God of the Bible. That's heresy to many but lots of people are giving it some thought. Not only does it explain miracles etc. in the Bible, it also might explain the God of the Bible's inexplicable behavior which sometimes is logical and sometimes defies it. Might the stories in the Bible describe alien astronauts vying for power, in the "heavens" and on earth?

God and Religion

"Don't be so heavenly minded that you're of no earthly use"...Old cliché

"Our lives are ruled by two emotions fear and greed"... unknown. If this is true what if anything does it imply about religion? Spirituality, not religion is our genuine quest for God's face, religion is something else... something related to fear and greed.

"I want to know the thoughts of God all else is details"... Einstein

Organized religion is the dark underbelly of spirituality...k

In a nutshell the possibilities are endless and whether or not anyone or anything has all the answers seems debatable... at least to me:)

The gospel truth arguably flies in the face of science and reason as does the Essenes calling their enemies sons of darkness and themselves sons of light. It brings to mind Pilate's quote "what is truth" and it makes me wonder if anyone's 100% good or bad? Maybe that's irrelevant because 99% bad is awful enough and it's subjective anyway in most but not all cases. These are questions we deal with and the ideologues who claim to know the absolute truth are charlatans.

Christianity is probably unbeatable and probably should be, but it probably shouldn't rule the world... people should have choices.

I worship God not McGod or the McLord you present who looks like an English underwear model instead of a first century Jew and who's life we're advised not to delve into too deeply... we're supposed to trust... not verify.

Is there a God? All I know is people say; yes, no or maybe. Some of them are brilliant some are idiots and on this subject I doubt that either knows more than the other.

Regarding God maybe he's someone we're fashioned after, someone with eight giant brained heads, or laws of nature... after all this is a multi-verse and they say there might be 21 dimensions? So I don't know exactly or even remotely who God is but wonder if I should take the advice to follow our hearts instead of our heads...

How can I tell you I believe in the God of the Bible, if different denominations have different beliefs, descriptions, definition etc.? Please come up with a more uniform description/definition otherwise I'm open-minded on the subject... not to be confused with confused on the subject.

Why would God tell the ancients everything, when even Einstein wouldn't be able to comprehend its entirety. On the other hand there were probably geniuses back then too and he may have told them what he deemed essential for them to know, and that may be all he ever wants us to know. But if average minds then and now could, or can identify possible, probable or verifiable mistakes, inaccuracies or falsehoods, it makes a man wonder.

I'm not so much religious or even spiritual as interested in the world around me... which means interested in the nature of things which first and foremost means who or what is God?

I hear lots of really good stuff from Christians that almost converts me completely, then I hear some other nonsense from other Christians that the dissuades me.

If science is so overrated then I dare say maybe organized religion is too... :)

The radio preacher man said that at the end of his life he thinks Nebuchadnezzar accepted the God of Israel... hmmm.

Regarding God maybe it's someone that we were fashioned after or something with eight heads and giant brains simply laws of nature after all this is a multi-verse and what 21 dimensions? I have no idea maybe we should follow our hearts instead of our heads,,, I don't want to argue with religionists because they can always drop the H-bomb (hell not hydrogen) and call you a satanic heretic for disagreeing with their holy texts. So even if you're not trying to win the argument, you're views are usually disrespected, because everything's a battle between good and evil and guess what you are? For that reason, for the most part I'd rather write than debate...

I just want to live in peace but for some religionists that's not an option, despite their claims to be born again, enlightened or however their religion's phraseology puts it, I have yet to meet one whose basic human nature has changed more than an one or two iotas.

That being said some of the arguments against religionism are on the unscientific miss contradiction to science contradiction to history in a few places near death experiences that are similar around the world tens or hundreds of millions who died in wars that were at least somewhat religious in nature and the fact that religion is don't seem to get thou shall not kill very well and instead seem to get manifest destiny and since somebody else is going to hell anyway let's take their stuff, then there's the billions of people who never heard of Jesus but apparently are likely frying eternally and it goes on and on. Then the good things I do like being antiabortion are unfortunately counterbalanced by there cocaine collateral damage of all kinds and conventional wars or even nuclear war What I would like to do is fellowship with people who are somewhat light minded and you don't think that God kills you for asking questions or for wondering if the profits were always right. I have never met a group of religion is your any kind or softer sweeter than any other group of religion is from religion into religion people are just people it seems to me I sure don't see them acting differently on an individual or group basis it's always the same if the house gets in my way baby you know I'll burn it down that's the human slogan regardless of religion sad to say Sent from my iPhone=

Is saying everyone's a scumbag much different than saying everyone's a sinner... One is more general, the other is too specific for most people's sensitivities, especially those scumbags who consider themselves pristine.

In this infinite universe is God in the form of Jesus visiting other planets to give them the good news and I wonder what those outcomes are or have been?

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Smith said he was led to a set of buried gold plates, which recorded the history of ancient American civilizations and a visit to this continent by Jesus Christ. The Mormon prophet said he was able to "translate" the "reformed Egyptian" language, using spiritual tools, including his "seer stone." <http://www.sltrib.com/news/2802019-155/mormon-church-to-release-more-documents> (The Salt Lake Tribune)

Here's a different view of the story;

Mormons release photos of Joseph Smith's magical "seer stones"

Well, although the religious often say they don't need empirical evidence to support their beliefs, they get really excited when such evidence turns up, and tout it widely. Here's one case: according to the Salt Lake Tribune, the Mormon church has released a photo of one of the "seer stones" (also called "peepstones") used by church founder Joseph Smith to "translate" the golden plates that became the Book of Mormon.

The translation began in 1828, and, according to the Mormonism Research Ministry (which appears to be critical of the church), went like this:

Harris' description [Martin Harris was one of the scribes who wrote down Smith's "translation"] concurs with that of David Whitmer, another one of the three witnesses whose testimony appears at the front of the Book of Mormon. Whitmer details exactly how the stone produced the English interpretation. On page 12 of his book An Address to All Believers in Christ, Whitmer wrote,

“I will now give you a description of the manner in which the Book of Mormon was translated. Joseph Smith would put the seer stone into a hat, and put his face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light; and in the darkness the spiritual light would shine. A piece of something resembling parchment would appear, and under it was the interpretation in English. Brother Joseph would read off the English to Oliver Cowdery, who was his principal scribe, and when it was written down and repeated to brother Joseph to see if it was correct, then it would disappear, and another character with the interpretation would appear. Thus the Book of Mormon was translated by the gift and power of God, and not by any power of man.”

This of course is dubious, since the plates were written in an unknown language, and nobody takes this as a serious manifestation of the divine save the Mormons themselves.

Be that as it may, here’s the Tribune’s pictures and explanation:

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. . . Smith also used two bound stones — known as the Urim and Thummim — as “interpreters.” <https://whyevolutionistrue.wordpress.com/2015/08/05/mormons-release-photos-of-joseph-smiths-magical-seer-stones/>

I wonder if there is a comparison a relationship directly between lack of education and religion and nicety and money spent on advertising religiosity and how much religious programming there is on the airways and church attendance so in a state like Indiana where driving to Chicago you're constantly hearing religious programming and the educational level is not that high I don't think in these rural areas and I'm not sure about church attendance but I think professions of being Christian is at a very high-level here as opposed to a state like California where among the Anglo-Saxon population search attendance and profession of faith may be a little lower and all those other things are lower as well. And in both states the immigrant population probably has a different dynamic but they are affected somewhat by the same mass advertising campaign or lack there of

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People of the great religions are much alike, generally, wonderful, sinful, sweet and to some extent prisoners of these theologies. To a lesser extent they also tend to have different personality types because originally they tended to be from relatively homogeneous populations. The homogeneity has somewhat lessened but it's not gone, nor are the personality traits which may emerge based on the teaching they absorb and apply to daily life... there I go again. Another "go again" moment says, these theologies are all intent not on coexistence unless it's on their terms and ideally they'd like to dominate the world and see any obstacles to that end as the work of the enemy, evil one etc.

"Shove me in the shallow water before I get too deep, don't let me get too deep, don't let me get too deep"... Edie Brickell

Keeping Muslims in line seems based on the following steps; arguing the religion's case, peer pressure then intimidation and finally violence. Keeping Christians in line seems based on arguing the religion's case, peer pressure and finally threats of damnation... both religions get it done.

I am, you are, we are just a pittance but God loves us all the same... after all he made us.

Regular Joe's as well as; doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs have always preferred the dominant religion of their time and place instead of researching the subject... they have too much else on their minds.

In a universe that makes a great deal of sense why would I believe in religions that only remotely make sense and then only if you believe the very sketchy or nonexistence evidence of certain people and certain charlatans

Okay this is purely hypothetical

small people tend to be smarter

small people get bullied

small people start religions

big people get scared, join and eventually do the bidding instead of the bullying...

I don't know if anyone will ever get to the bottom of this "religion thing" but if they do I doubt if it will be through "a" religion, it will more likely be through the study "of" religion.

In defense of those who believe in random selection and evolution I would say that in an infinite multi-universe with infinite time might it be possible for life to develop from chemicals that react, replicate and eventually "live?" None the less this wouldn't mean there isn't a God.

From the time of Constantine's conversion until about the time of the American Revolution you really couldn't debate Christianity in the Western world except in a few places where the state religions weren't so strict. Then from about the time of the American Revolution until about 15 years ago there was a window of about 200 years during which you could debate religion and people wouldn't get their hackles up... certainly the 70's seemed like that to me. Now where I live that window is closing. If you don't accept the dominant paradigm you lose friends... at least you don't lose your head as you would in the Islamic state.

All peoples and every religion is susceptible to extreme violence but some make violence easier to justify committing than others.

One problem with questioning religion is it implies that we must go back to the drawing board and people don't like to do that.

Difference between our fundamentalists and theirs is ours just say you're going to hell, theirs try to send you there... I hope ours don't get any bright ideas.

Man in a white robe, committee, laws of nature or physics... or is he a "particle?"

Frankly at the moment I'm more afraid of the occasional murderous minion than of God because I think he's not exactly as they describe him to be. I don't know what he has in store for us in the great beyond but a pretty good idea of what some zealots would like to do to those who think for themselves and have the gall to say things out loud.

If we weren't in the midst or beginning of possibly the worst religious war in history, men would be more rational. As it is, both sides have hunkered down, retrenched and are relying on the courage of their convictions... someday in hindsight descendants of whoever wins will be able to look back on this time in history through something other than the rose colored glasses of religious superstitions.

Whether a mosque or a church officially detest murderous acts by crazy members of their congregation. Secretly however there's a bell curve that illustrates how the people truly feel.

Whether it's the ancient crocodile God weighing your heart against a feather or the modern Christian God judging you we have always been subject to supernatural judgment before being allowed to enter the afterlife. I don't know if this is how it truly works or are these a construct of man but they have proven highly successful in getting man's attention for thousands of years.

People become Christians because of; the greatest story ever told, Pascal's law or fear of hell. People become Muslims because of the story, fear of hell or fear of the sword, but most people are Christian or Muslim because they were born that way.

If everyone in the world became a very good Christian the world would really improve and if everyone in the world became a very member of some other religions the result would also be good. These scenarios are probably unrealistic because of free choice, skepticism, rivalries, histories etc., not to mention that I've never met a very good Christian although I know they're out there.

My views are neither biblical, ancient, secular or modern they are eclectic...

She's been taught that I'm the devil for not believing and I've been taught they're all crazy. In 100 years maybe everyone will know what's true and maybe we'll know as soon as we die.

Considering the somewhat limited number of very good Christians (IMO) and the probability that there are no perfect Christians, we should have freedom of religion and as many peaceful different religions as people want. Instead of a theocracy we should have civil laws, civility, law, order and equal justice. We no more need a one world religion than we need a one world government... unless Jesus literally descends from the clouds and brings both.

Some argue religions the best reason to pull the trigger, others argue it's the worst.

Gentlemen... will you ever again, "put on your thinking caps" and tell them, "I respectfully disagree."

I have asked Jesus to be my savior and have been baptized but I've never had that "a ha moment" my Christian friends speak of and I don't categorically agree with the Nicean creed so according to most people I am not a Christian. What I profess to be matters mostly to the various inquisitors and unless under the gun or sword I refrain to profess anything other than being Ucgrtarian, a retro-spin-off of the Unitarian church.

When I see the long lines of cars after Sunday service I realize it is wise to remain underground...

I'm a Christian if being baptized, asking Jesus to be my savior and still believing in evolution and freedom of religion is okay...:)

So much of what we can write about our religions is tainted by fear of the official and unofficial hit squads of the big churches... no really!

Religions that are intent on dominating or conquering the world are a formula for perpetual war and eventual apocalypse but maybe these are baked into the human equation anyway... I hope not.

Driving I-94 in southwest Michigan I see Jesus signs along the highway. Some are high above the trees, others on billboards and smaller ones dot the land scape. They are

obviously designed to spread the gospel and evangelize. Since each one at least briefly puts my mind to thinking about religion I start to wonder if it's God or coincidence that puts signs in front of me as I'm thinking about religion but I may just be dwelling on a previous sign when I see the next one. Is this simply the work of people who place signs to "get us thinking?" More power to them as long as they don't get mad when we don't see things their way and thinking back on history there have been lots of people burned at the stake for not thinking the right way and more recently, death squads in certain countries have murdered people... sorry, I just don't trust religionists of any stripe.

The word coincidence is used only once in the New Testament, and it was by Jesus Himself in the parable of the Good Samaritan. In Luke 10:31,

Went to church today, thoughts included, even a charlatan can speak some truth...

"Religion is what keeps the poor from murdering the rich"...Napoleon Bonaparte

"When you believe in things that you don't understand, then we suffer, Superstition ain't the way"... Stevie Wonder

"That train is a beauty makin' everybody stare, gut it's only destination is the middle of nowhere"... Josh Turner

"Science and spirituality join very easy"... Dr. Mary Neal (near death survivor)

Golden Rule 0.1

"Oz never did give nothing to the Tin Man That he didn't, didn't already have"... America

"Do not say, 'I'll do to them as they have done to me; I'll pay them back for what they did'"... Proverbs 24:29

The Golden rule in its simplest, original form is at least as good as any revised form. The revisions are mostly useful as discussion points.

Is, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us more or less equivalent to the Golden rule?

Is, "thy will be done", more or less equivalent to "it is what it is?" Just wondering...

In a nutshell use the golden rule but give it more thought. Think about whether or not doing what you'd want others to do for you is really the best thing... maybe it is, maybe it isn't.

So maybe the straight up golden rule is exactly right because if you treat others as you'd like to be treated you're probably giving him them the very best treatment possible and maybe that's what God wants us to do. Maybe he doesn't want us trying to figure out what's right for others, maybe he just wants us to treat them the best we possibly can. But is that letting them get away with things? Short of the most vicious crimes maybe we should give others the same mercy we may like in similar situations... maybe. Of course some people would want to be dealt with as harshly as the law allows if they broke it...at least that's what they say.

Do unto others as you think a just and loving God would have you do unto them... I just can't get it exactly right but I keep trying....)

Having had chest pains I was trying to live like I only have a month left in order to encourage me to do the right things and mend fences etc. Unfortunately I may be doing worse than usual as today I yelled at two customer reps on the phone and filed a complaint with the supervisor of one of them. They weren't helpful and IMO one was rude but maybe their hands were tied. In any case the theory of trying to live like you only have enough time to straighten things out may still have some merit... just not today and my personal assistant Sari certainly isn't helping!

"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself"... Galatians 5:14 (nice:)

Good and Evil, US and Them...

There's good and evil on both sides and good and evil on our insides...

If you consort with somebody with a wicked streak, especially over a long period of time you could end up with one too... I should know :)

Gossip

Why do we gossip and why do we complain? Both seem to be deeply ingrained behaviors, so there must be an upside but there's also a downside. Every time I spill the beans I realized a temporary high because I've ingratiated to myself to someone very briefly but almost inevitably my confidence is betrayed and I'm quickly thrown under the bus!

Government

"How do you bring a Government to justice when the government is the enforcer of justice?"... Dan Jones

Another slightly ironic twist... government follows gossip chapter.

I don't care who governs as long as they don't rule aka lord over us and the fact of the matter is there's usually an elitist clique behind those who govern, rule and lord... but I digress.

We are free people and we are law-abiding that works great and tell the lawyers have so many laws that to be law-abiding is no longer to be free but if they have convinced you just stick to your tradition of being law-abiding then you'll be law-abiding more than you'll be free

American's have always pride ourselves on being free, law-abiding people and it worked well for the majority for the first half of our history. In the second half as the Constitution became increasingly attacked and debased and lawyers and agitators rose to power and prominence, we have become less free and less law-abiding. This has corresponded to empowerment of those championed by agitators and made worse by an ever increasing burden of laws promulgated by lawyers and everyone from the good-ole-boys to more recent power blocks who are all jockeying for power and position.

Jefferson's admonition that the tree of liberty needs to be watered has fallen by the wayside and our handlers have convinced those who might otherwise water that tree that being law abiding means being complacent, instead of taking the law to task when it's an ass and taking matters into our own hands when we're being shafted. In other words, we've been convinced that it's more important to be law-abiding then free, even while agitators and traitors of all and various ilk's tell us to take grab our ankles....

Government's duty is to protect the people, their rights, property and the constitution.

According to the comedian the real three branches of the government are; corporations military and Hollywood.

Occupied government? We've always had an occupied government... it's just that the occupiers come, go and change from time to time.

A "nation of laws" is where I'd like to live, particularly one where they aren't draconian and they're equally and fairly enforced.

The problem with governors and other public servants is they prefer ruling over governing and given half a chance that's what they'll do. Don't give them that chance, design a system of true checks and balances that prevents power from debasing us corruptible humans.

Government goes too far when it forces taxpayers to pay all kinds of expenses for people who don't work and their families. It also goes too far when it takes money from taxpayers

to fight other countries battles. In both cases special interest groups with influence beyond their numbers are driving policy. You can argue that many Americans are OK with this but you can't prove the founding fathers would be.

Funny how people want things to stay the same when it benefits them but want to change things that don't. The relative merit of the status quo is in the eye of the beholder as is the need to change it.

Men have tried to govern women forever only to find they are largely ungovernable. Now women are increasingly trying their hands at ruling men... will they find us equally unruly?

Some governments subjugate through force of arms, others will subjugate through control of banks, courts of law and other institutions...but in the end they maintain the necessary force of arms to do things their way.

The ambassador says the problem in the middle east is the decentralized governments and she's probably referring to the tribal systems. Her implication is that it's better to have centralized governments that cooperate with her faction's agenda, ie. the NWO? instead of hundreds of tribes and governments that have their own agenda. If there's only one legitimate system and the whole world must abide by it, the NWO thinks the world will be more peaceful and they may be right, or the violence may instead just be legitimized and doled out according to the desire of the few well connected people who rule the billions of people aka shoppers living on earth and buying their wares. It's not hard to argue that their prescription will result in a more peaceful thriving society because humankind's history has been one of mayhem and murder. A world police force that incarcerates troublemakers and vaporizes "really bad people" seems logical, especially for people who are more interested in bread and circus or, TV, beer and cake. I'm not for it but I'm not for the age old system of people murdering each other to get their way, so what's the solution? Tell me what you want but I'm still opting out and although I am not fighting the system I think the future's in space. I prefer a group's right to be independent, free, decentralized, able to go on their own merry way and experiment with their own society without the NWO breathing down their necks and threatening to vaporize them with drones or whatever.

Nature abhors a vacuum and our money driven government is a force of nature. It insists on being in control of everything and fears that relinquishing its imperial power will result in the; Chinese, Russians, Iranians, Europeans or whoever taking over that job for their own nefarious influence peddling purposes. We're afraid it will make us vulnerable to all kinds of attacks if we relinquish our world policeman role. I say listen to the wisdom of the founding fathers who said things like; avoid foreign entanglements, make no permanent alliances and America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. I

believe that fortress America is better than imperialist America and that we'll be somewhat less vulnerable to terrorism or traditional military attack if we control our borders and bolster our massive deterrence capabilities. Let those other countries vie for power and influence and let them pay the price for it, terrorist will be gunning for us for a long time but they'll gun even more for whoever's occupying their land. As far as installing compliant, cooperating governments around the world, history shows that in the middle east and many other places it's a fool's errand... they may never "get it" the way we want them to.

Maybe I'm more in favor of something like what Sweden has, which I hear described as a social welfare state but they're making mistakes which could ruin their society. They're admitting many immigrants who are unlikely to respect western laws, so their model is faulty. They're not however out to rule or police world and I think they restrain people to some extent from becoming a filthy rich princely class although IMO they don't go far enough in that direction. We have utterly unrestrained capitalism which allows for a princely ruling class. Another weaknesses they have is vulnerability to attack and usurpation by superpowers so at time they have to do those power's bidding. A possible solution is a confederation of independent countries which is strong enough to resist the power, influence, money, control and threat of superpowers... not an easy thing to achieve.

America's princely class perpetuates itself in many ways, including setting it up so that 0.1% of the general population can join annually and 0.1% have to leave over time. This makes most of the 99.9% who are eligible but will never qualify content that it's a level playing field... but it's not.

We have an occupied government and a debased Constitution...

Granny Nanny State

Greed

Green Acres!

Run rabbit run when your job is done don't sit down it's time to dig another one Pink Floyd=

Like its namesake English Ivy tends to out compete its neighbors... eventually takin over the place:) This morning I caught myself talking to it... hmm, that would be crazy if it wasn't such a force to be reckoned with around here.

I know if I put sunscreen on it will rain and if I don't, the sun will come out in force... it's the old catch 22.

The suburbs are getting wilder all the time, yesterday a friend blew away a coyote in Fishers and I've got to make noise like a hiker in grizzly country when I walk out my back door... I don't want to get sprayed by the resident skunk or bit by Poss'm-zilla.

Order of jobs today, pee, throw in a load of laundry, cut the grass and maybe it'll get done before the rain comes.

I love the natural world just don't want it in the house. Those who don't like that are welcome to rescue the bugs and take them home.

I cut my grass an inch shorter than my neighbor's, the next day he cuts his an inch shorter than mine, guess it's part of the rat race... but I'd rather have a cow or sheep do it.

I'd rather see my neighbor's dandelions then breathe my other neighbor's weed killer.

When cutting grass, job one is live to mow another day, job two is for the mower to Live to mow another day and job three is... mow the grass.

Everything from a rattlesnake to a rake usually gives you a warning before hurting you, it's usually audio or visual, so pay attention:)

There's no need to mow right up for the garden, that deprives the weed whacker its chance to shine, not to mention possibly running over the garden with the big mower.

Groupthink

I thought therefore I was. I'll think therefore I'll be.

It's one thing not to be a critical thinker it's another thing to be anti-critical thought and that's what we seem to be surrounded with.

I haven't met many critical thinkers in a while and the ones that I knew seem to lose that quality as they get older and set in their ways.

I don't think it's right to hate people who think differently than you but I also don't think it's right for the law to allow those who think differently from you to subjugate you. That is why I am for a policy of avoidance and walking and living in opposite directions without quotas or government mandates for integration, interference etc.

Guilt

As far as "modest dress" if you're not going to wear sackcloth please stop harping on it & that goes for all your other pronouncements too:)

Happiness

“And I like watching the puddles gather rain”... Blind Melon

"You can have anything you want in life but you can't have everything you want"... Anna Kooiman

“She thinks that happiness is a mat that lays on her doorway”... Matchbox 20

“Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one remembers to turn on the light”... Dumbledore

Don't take it out on others... just walk.

We shouldn't ban indifference but there should be less of it.

There're lots of hurting people out there. Treat them with kindness dignity and respect stop preaching to them and occasionally listen instead. Insist on accountability and ban brutality by anyone or any entity no matter how high and mighty they think they are.

Don't let the bastards get you down and don't let people rain on your parade or your sunny day. They're all kinds of reasons that people do stuff like that to you and your even better reason for you not to let them. Couple of the reasons I think I've noticed is call or show up where they think you're going to hell if you don't except their call this despite the fact that near-death experiences in every culture are about the same to be about the same other reasons can include mental illness anger abuse save suffered PTSD on their part etc. etc. but regardless of the reason don't let them rain on your sunny day

I'm basically happy but don't get enough sleep because of everything from apnea to worrying. I don't know to what extent the people I worry about worry but they generally say they sleep just fine. On the other hand they often act unhappy, so what's the deal? For what it's worth, my interpretation's that I don't get the sleep I need because I'm worrying not just about myself but about others who rightly or wrongly are to some degree developing a dependency on me. I wonder, who if anyone they lose sleep worrying about? Hopefully no one... maybe they take the Bible's advice about worrying to heart better than I do!

Live like you only have a month left to live that way not only will you do the right thing in many respects because you want to be remembered well you'll also be living like you have enough time to make some things right that you should make right. Problem is it's pretty hard to live in this frame of mind unless you truly have been stricken with an illness and then you're probably more concerned or you're probably more involved with going

through the various stages of grief that the people I know they're going to die go through but maybe it would be helpful so maybe it's more helpful to do this before one is gravely ill who knows

As everybody who's been on the wrong end of it can tell you treachery trumps intelligence integrity and goodwill most of the time hopefully, or something will enter into this equations eventually

"Life is pain your highness, anyone who says otherwise is selling something"... the pirate Roberts

"We all need the clowns to make us smile"... Journey

"If it makes you happy, it can't be that bad, if it makes you happy then why the hell are you so sad"... Sheryl Crow. ...

Homo habilis (aka "Handy-man")

When it comes to craftsmanship there's meticulous and there's ridiculous...be the first.

I don't like working with glass... it stabs, cuts and when it gets under your skin it irritates forever unless you can get it out which isn't easy. Why does glass hate us so much? I think it's because it's glass...

You can do all the prep work you want and do it right but paint's going to peel just like dog's going to bark.

Tools are like a vapor, they come and go unexpectedly... but unlike the souls of man they are easily found usually in another man's garage :)

I'm starting another handyman project so let the cussing begin :)

When you walk in your shop remember, everything there wants to hurt you...it's like going to a gun range, where the tools can help you accomplish good things, or they can hurt people.

I like throwing things from the doorway of the house to my workbench in the garage 15 feet away... I miss a lot but when they do land it's usually in an interesting position.

I was going to say this about consultants and politicians but it applies to everyone... we're all just naked, talking apes... but I don't think that's such a bad thing"): I do think it conflicts with many people's opinion that their view of God is the only valid one. Look at the religious wars going on with people massacre in each other in the Middle East over Shia

and Sunni and look at us fighting there and many of us saying that our effort has nothing to do with religion...

I hammered the lid on the paint can one time too many and it splattered me in the face... 'you rascal' was all I could say :)

Haters, Sickos and Sociopaths

"Doesn't mean that much to me too mean that much to you. I've been first and last

Look at how the time goes past but I'm all alone at last, Rolling home to you"... Neil Young

Doesn't mean that much to me to mean that much to you I've been first and last look at how the time goes past million=

No matter how it's masked, it seems to be all about discrediting and marginalizing people with opposing views. "How dare you think for yourself!"

It would be a lot easier to spot the mentally ill if there weren't so many. When you come right down to it, just about anybody is either mentally ill or could be classified that way by some expert.

The amygdala is an almond shaped mass of nuclei located deep within the temporal lobe of the brain, shown to play a key role in the processing of emotions like fear and pleasure. According to research, it's large and active in the brains of altruistic people but small and relatively inactive in the brains of psychopaths...

So if the amygdala is the center of self-control, compassion or whatever and psychopaths have a smaller ones than "nice", the next question and of course it's taboo to ask, is, are there populations with small amygdala's and others with larger one? I'm aware that my lineage could be of either ilk. If there are ethnic differences I'd ask, why did one group of people develop a larger amygdala than another... the answer(s) may be quite logical but no excuse in the modern world to put up with psychopathology.

Healing and health

There's nothing wrong with participating in "the system" be it government insurance or other things. Of course there are parts of the system to opt of per your conscience but don't let others be your conscience. They could be making \$50 million a year and want you to have to fit into their square hole around pig whatever it is although you may not be

making you may be making 20,000 a year they want you to live according to their standards they're big hypocrites! So as long as you're a taxpayer you should take advantage of the system when it benefits you and it doesn't violate your conscience.

Heart disease, cancer, Meningitis, diabetes, Lyme disease and a thousand others will be cured when we put our money towards a cure instead of toward a cult. We participate in religious wars and spending trillions to slay monsters all over the world, meanwhile back at the hospital millions of Americans die of diseases that we could be trying to defeat, instead of competing personality cults.

I think people can exercise a degree of control of coughing and histamine responses... what's wrong with saying that? And if we can affect and control to some extent a histamine or sneezing response who's to say we can't control other bodily responses? Surely a histamine response is made worse by scratching and probably better by not scratching, which is an example of exercising of some control over a bodily response. Whether or not we can exercise mind/body control in other ways is debatable but shouldn't be ridiculed.

Another example of germs looking for a place to party... just threw laundry in the washing machine and my eyes started to itch... if I rub them the parties on!

Heaven

"Just remember this my girl when you look up at the sky. you can see the stars and still not see the light"... Eagles

"You know you got to go through hell before you get to heaven"... The Eagles. That's about as profound as anything you're going to get out a rock 'n roll and it is profound.

What if our ancestors in heaven see us repeatedly engaged in embarrassing personal behavior? Will they ostracize us and will these things keep us out of heaven? Surely they look the other way when we use the toilet :)

So if the goal is to go to heaven and become a spirit then it probably makes sense to give everything you have to the poor. There may be other good reasons to give everything you've earned, accumulated, hoarded or received through inheritance or whatever to the poor. Would this mean you should also encourage those truly needy people who receive your donations to use them to reach a better place in life and then pass what they have, on to others? I'm assuming Jesus meant to give them to the truly needy and that's fantastic! Hypothetically, will there eventually be no one left to give anything to, except those who can't or won't work or who covet the gifts they've received? Will those good folks who

gave everything to the poor be shirtless but rewarded with sanctification, as long as they've also professed the Nicean oath?

I'm betting there's chocolate in heaven and it's probably they really good stuff! In the bad place it's probably crappy or non-existent...

Is there grass and flowers in heaven and if so do they require sun, rain and dirt? If they do is there mud and decomposition and does it ever stink? Just wondering ... Mr. Robertson.

I'm not an expert on the subject but I don't think you get to heaven on your carbon footprint, especially if you don't Honor thy father and mother.

Heaven, Paradise, Valhalla, Nirvana and anything else it's called by religions around the world, the descriptions may be based on accounts of those who had near-death experiences. In different cultures they may have seen different saviors etc. and described the place differently but in accordance with their culture. The sad part in my opinion is that some religions claim the patent and copyright to the afterlife entirely for themselves. The other sad part are the terrible threats heaped upon anyone who doesn't agree with them... I hope to God they're wrong.

I know a lot of people claim they don't believe in heaven and aren't worried about it but many seem to hedge their bets. By the way does heaven allow gasoline cars and diesel trucks or is it limited to hybrids and electrics? Do you get to heaven, or reach Nirvana based on your carbon footprint and receive an EV upon arrival? :)

I'm not an expert but any religion that advocates throwing the rest of humanity under the bus has very little credibility in my mind...

Are there any unpleasant odors in heaven? We know that on earth there are many beautiful things but sometimes there are unpleasant odors associated with them what about in heaven?= This is not meant to be a dig because Heaven certainly must be beautiful and the spirit world must be incredible but what about odors in the spiritual world and world are there any smells? Good or bad=

Heaven's always been wireless but allowing pets is a more recent development... Thanks Pope Francis!

In the afterlife is there any tennis, I hope so because though I'm probably through with it now, I hope I'm not through with it forever... the same goes for having a dog. Notice I didn't say in heaven or hell :)

12/9/14 Pope Francis has declared that all animals go to heaven during his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square. The Pope made these remarks after he received two donkeys as early Christmas presents. During his discussion, Pope Francis quoted the

apostle Paul as he comforted a child who was mourning the death of his dog. Francis quoted Paul's remarks as, "One day we will see our animals again in eternity of Christ. Paradise is open to all God's creatures." According to the Express, Pope Francis' declaration is in complete contrast to those that were previously made by his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI. Read more at <http://www.inquisitr.com/1657599/pope-francis-all-animals-go-to-heaven/#1y8Yzk3frL1o32VY.99>

Alex Malarkey, the then-six year old who claimed he died and briefly visited heaven, who detailed his experience in the book "Boy Who Came Back From Heaven" has admitted he made the whole thing up... now that's living up to a name!

"People cry, people moan, Look for a dry place to call their home, Try to find some place to rest their bones, While the angels and the devils try to make them their own"... Nirvana

"Let's play Twister, let's play Risk...I'll see you heaven if you make the list, yeah, yeah"...R.E.M.

Hell

"Where do the bad folks go when they die they don't go to heaven where the Angels fly they go to a lake of fire and fry, see them again till the 4th of July"... Nirvana

Maybe Murphy's Law and the Devil are one and the same, or just in league when it comes to those troublesome details that cause us so much trouble.

Ever notice that there's only the difference of a letter and a space between the words, "do evil" and the word devil.

The devil certainly is in the details because if you don't take care of them you're going to have a devil of a time...

The devil is definitely in the details although he may be other places as well like when you're driving to that important meeting and you run over a skunk earliest you run over a skunk that's been run over all you can do at that point is pray that you won't smell

When your car slides on the black ice and you crash it might be "the devil" or it might be the odds catching up with you. It could be probability or whatever you want to call it along with excessive speed or just being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Is the devil just bad bounces? Is death "the wages of sin", or the wages of nature and poor decisions taking their toll?

Not only do you go to hell if you don't agree with them, you go to hell if you don't make up your mind. We're told we'll burn eternally if we don't side with them and we can't be neutral... there no Switzerland's in this game! You're with or against them and the penalty for sitting on the fence is as drastic as opposing them...is this the truth or a terrible ploy? "Different" isn't allowed and punishable by death everlasting...funny how at least two of the great religions employ this...which is right, which is wrong or are they both right or both wrong?

Heresy

Heroes

"Oz never did give nothing to the Tin Man that he didn't, didn't already have"... America

Everybody's loves heroes and/or wants to be one. If you smoke pot then the dealer being arrested by the cops is a hero and if you hate pot then the very same cops on are the heroes... oh how we love our heroes!

"Did they get you to trade your heroes for ghosts, cold comfort for change, did you exchange your walk-in part in the war for a main role in the cage Pink Floyd

"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do"... Eddie Rickenbacker

"And the ones we hail are the worst of all"... Imagine Dragons

"We don't need another hero

We don't need to know the way home

...Looking for something we can rely on

There's got to be something better out there

Love and compassion, their day is coming

All else are castles built in the air"... Thunderdome

History

“It's been that way since the git-go”... Billy Joe Shaver

"The past is never dead. It's not even past"... William Faulkner

**“Things are very bad in Bulgaria the devil has the people by the throat”... Annina,
Casablanca**

**“The problems of the world are not my department I'm a saloon keeper"...Rick,
Casablanca**

History consists of, "if you can't beat them join them", happening over and over again even among very bright people... of course some of them eventually ditch and schism when they can't take it anymore!

With all the current problems in the Middle East, Gaza and Iraq, I wonder if this is prophecy or history taking place. I don't know the answer to that but I think if we read prophecy we might see where things are heading...whether or not it's God or man behind it is another question.

If and when it happens to them again I might be shocked but I won't be surprised...

I think history will throw the book at ISIS and Al Qaeda in the worst possible way for their atrocities, but I wonder what unbiased historians will say about our actions in 1,000 years from now?

History is unfolding and I wish it would be peaceful but that would be a deviation...

When I hear neocons arguing for more US troops in more places and I hear liberals backing away from war unless certain allies are threatened, I wonder how history will look upon this era. We are the world policeman, dominating the world for ourselves and our allies. I wonder if history will look at this kindly or will unbiased examination be so far in the future that it won't matter? Will our era just be another example of human beings always do the same thing... killing each other.

History will tell, wait for history's judgment, the ultimate judgment is God's judgment which is history in the very, very, very long term. History is written by those who win and or those who have the ability to record it as they see it but sooner or later the chickens come home to roost. That is God's view of things which humans may not understand for hundreds of years or perhaps ever.

The history of the world consists of so many possibilities and so many unknowns. And as Donnie R. was so kind to describe, “there are known knowns... there are known unknowns...there are also unknown unknowns And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tend to be the difficult ones.”

I'm watching history run its course, commenting on it and concluding that it's better to keep the commentary to myself. Does the fact that I feel it's better to keep it private mean were in the last days or does it just mean I'm a chicken? One thing I know is that I'm tired of being called derogatory names for sometimes being the person in the room who doesn't agree with the majority view. The fact that, that occurs is another reason I wonder about the days were living in although through most of the history such has been the case.

Time will tell if the sniper goes down in history as a great hero or a psychotic mass murderer. Despite what the girl on Fox news said this morning about him being one of our greatest heroes, my preliminary assessment is that it's more likely he's the latter...does it mean anything that he reportedly said, "I never once fought for the Iraqis. I could give a flying fuck about them." Kyle reportedly claims to have 160 confirmed kills (kills witnessed by another soldier) and a total of 255 probable kills. Kyle reportedly shot an Iraqi who he claims had a weapon but who witnesses claim only had a Koran, which according to some sources Kyle may have said was reason enough.

Once again I think history will be the judge, we're too "right smack in the middle of it" to be impartial... of course it also depend on who writes the book, but ultimately the book is written by an invisible and truthful hand.

What was the ratio of "good" kills versus "bad" kills for Kyle? If it was 100% good or close to it than power to him, if the ratio wasn't so good then I really have to wonder. Was it the usual collateral damage is okay kind of thing? Unfortunately in the present environment it seems that you have to be willing to face a room full of angry people if you question Mr. Kyle in any way.

If the famous sniper was racist, maybe that's one of the reasons he was so good. It doesn't help to have compassion for the enemy, so a person who has none is likely to be more effective at killing them. I wonder how many American, coalition and civilian lives he saved? Was he like a mini Hiroshima A-bomb, killing people so that others could live and even saving Iraq lives in the long run? Granted if he was killing bad people then the analogy is wrong.

The fact that we have; bombed, strafed and napalmed so many people in so many countries in the last 100 years makes some people justifiably proud... I'm not and I lose friends every time I say it. Does America "live by the sword" or does it "protect and serve" like the police on a global scale?

It's probably impossible to live in peace with everyone but it may be possible not to live in conflict with so many...

"Right here, right now, there is no other place I wanna be, right here, right now, watching the world wake up from history"...Jesus Jones

Holidays

“Someday soon we all will be together if the fates allow until then will have to muddle through somehow”... Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Please decide, is Christmas the pagan pine tree worshipping holiday of our ancestors or the birth day of the Savior of mankind? You celebrate both equally and insist that the rest of us defer equally to the conflicting commercialism of the former and seriousness of the latter.

I'm going to try to start a new Christmas tradition in our family by putting wooden shoes under the tree. I know it makes no sense but I wonder what sense some of the other traditions were obliged to comply with make? Wait, maybe they'll signify the usefulness of trees:) Not expecting to get any traction out of this new holiday tradition but I'm giving it a try :-)

Regarding the Christmas party game culminating with the notion that non-Christian lives have no meaning I respectfully but strongly disagree and that has led me to pen a Christmas song that's sung to the tune of Randy Newman's "Fat People Got No Reason to Live."

Some people got no reason, some people got no reason to be.

Non-Christians got no reason, Non-Christians got no reason to be.

Hindu people got no reason, Hindu people got no reason to be.

Buddhist people got no reason, Buddhist people got no reason to be.

Unitarians got no reason, Unitarians got no reason to be.

Jewish people got no reason, Jewish people got no reason to be.

Muslim people got no reason, Muslim people got no reason to be.

Sikh people got no reason, Sikh people got no reason to be.

Rastafari's got no reason, Rastafari's got no reason to be.

Shinto people got no reason, Shinto people got no reason to be.

Baha'i people got no reason, Baha'i people got no reason to be.

According to you - I have no reason, according to you - I got no reason to be.

Only Christians - got a reason, only Christians - got a reason to be!

SRSR celebrates Christmas as each individual wants to...or not to. Personally at the present time, I celebrate it quasi-religiously... I think most scholars don't think it was the actual birth date of Christ and I don't think it's likely that Jesus is actually the God of the universe. I think Christmas also has pagan roots along with its Christian ones so I celebrate it as a time to come together with family and to be grateful to God for our blessings... amen.

Sorry Frank but "serenity now" will never be able to compete with eternal damnation.

"If it's and buts were cherries and nuts we'd all have a wonderful Christmas"... Old proverb

Hollywood

(Un) Holy Wars

Home Improvement

Okay, "How it's Made" enough already! Stop showing us how; sorbet, tofu and plastic sawhorses are made, we want heavy metal and real wood! I realize that making sorbet requires real machinery but please show us more cauldrons of red hot metal, forging presses and milling machines:)

I carefully avoided being pinched by the plumber's wrench as I tried to replace the faucet washer. It didn't work since I had the wrong seat washer but that's no surprise. After re-assembling the faucet it became apparent I'd put the handle on backwards. This gives the plumbers wrench another chance to pinch me since I have to reverse its jaws... is it just me or does anyone else think tools are out to get them?

Hometown...

Househole Matters

The zipper on my suit pants broke and I repaired it with a safety pin I think I'll leave it at that last time I paid for a zipper repair was 15 years ago and they screwed it up for \$30 I doubt it the workmanship or the prices are any better now and so far the repair is working just fine

It's weird, my house has WIFI dead spots as if we're in a vortex... if you move two feet over there's a signal but none where I am!

I'm really good at screwing things up... almost like it's going out of style:)

After 23 years in this house I know the spots where I hit my elbows and stub my toes so I don't do it much anymore, but the damage is done:)

The powers out and I'm about to fire up the generator so my wife can have her Facebook and I can have my TV and vibrating recliner.

I wonder if some people keep their houses ultra-clean because something has made them feel unclean? ☐

**As far as I can tell a woman's favorite tools are a broom, feather duster and a sponge:)
Guy's opt for screwdrivers, saws and hammers :)**

Human Nature

"Make a joke and I will sigh and you will laugh and I will cry"... Ozzie Osborn

When we get together we sometimes criticize others as a way of cementing our own relationships. Husbands and wives criticize people they know, colleagues criticize colleagues, teens critique other teens etc.

I'm thinking there're two kinds of people, them like sweets and them that like salt. Sweet lovers are sweet, salt lovers are serious and not so sweet... my wife a salt lover says them sweet lovers just lack willpower:)

The TV show said that humans, Chimps and Bonobos are even more closely related to each other than to other primates, meaning Gorillas, Orangutans etc. We can observe them to learn about ourselves and one frequent observation is that humans and Chimps are much more violent than Bonobos. Bonobos have female dominated societies while Chimps are

male dominated, while humans currently seem to be evolving or returning to a more female dominated society. Bonobos also reportedly employ casual sex for everything from resolving disputes to greeting each other... including homosexuality somewhat routinely.

People are such people! We like to think that we respond to situations but quite often we react instead. We're a highly volatile species and presented with the wrong stimuli we go off like firecrackers!

If I want you to do well it's partially because I think I will do better or at least you're more likely to leave me alone if you're doing well. That is self-interest and it works the other way too. A certain psychologist dick would call me a sociopath for saying that I'd call him a dick because he's biased "etc", not because that's his name :)

I don't like a lot of things humans do, but think humanity should continue, hope my family's in on the action, hope we all improve, get better and with God's help more civilized!

The problem with people is that they're so human:)

Self-deprecation in the form of humor anything else should only be practiced by professionals, otherwise it's like defecating on you. Don't expect accolades, those sympathetic smiles are hiding people's realization that you may be a willing doormat

Two favorite Chevy Chase lines; "thank you very little" and "as far as you know." :)

Am I the only one who thinks that we do a lot of things based on mob mentality? We call it socializing but a lot of it is just being in a big crowd and feeling secure because you're part of a powerful group... examples are political parties, religious groups, fan clubs etc.

People out there despise me because of what I do for a living but they're still in line for every dollar I make.. guess they think they're doing God's work.

Some say the problem is 'certain people' I think the problem is people in general because when those 'certain people' are gone there's always more right behind them.

I know people of all stripes who seem to have forgot that giving gifts is supposed to be its own reward. Instead they trumpet their generosity and even if they paid \$ 2.50 for the unsolicited gift at Goodwill want something more than a polite thank you in return... hmm.

There're so many crazy things going on in the world that I have to ask should I be more upset, less upset, more involved, less involved, more concerned, less concerned and should I accept what I "can't change" or confront things head on? I lean towards picking my battles carefully and only challenging the things I find most offensive and dangerous. On the other hand, why not confront everything I believe to be an affront to the human condition?

Whether we're; bullies, jerks or buttholes by nature or by nurture matters less than the fact that we need to reform.

Humans, what a species! Part of the time people are complete assholes and part of the time they're wonderful. The rest of the time we're somewhere in between. The problems occur when we run into somebody during that asshole phase, or when others run into us during ours. Every notice that it happens a lot when we're in our cars?

Honor and integrity are in the eye of the beholder and though there may be some absolutes worldwide, more often than not these traits have something to do with one's political religious or ideological views.

Otis was right when he sang, "I can't do what ten people tell me to do so I guess I'll remain the same, sitting on the dock of the bay watching the tide roll away." My neighbor's patrolling the hood to see if we've cleared the flood drains and I think he wants us to kill all the weeds in our yard. Overdoing that can poison our lawn and it sometimes smells so much like weed killer that I don't like to take a stroll. Meanwhile friends, relatives and strangers expect us to do all kinds of things... I don't like disappointing people but I also don't hate disappointing them... it is what it is if you know what I mean.

I suppose that on any planet with a dominant species like ours that has different ethnicities and races, there's bound to be one that's the smartest. I suppose it's logical that the members of this group know they are the smartest and it's likely there would be a bell curve for what those people do with their smarts. Some will consider themselves superior and entitled to use their brains to take away everything you have and or rule less intelligent members of society. Some might consider it their obligation to do everything they can to help people and others will be somewhere in between...

One of the things we hate most of all is being told, "I told you so" and one of the things we carelessly say the most is "I told you so."

Vinny at Walmart cone of conversation is 20 feet but he's in the store. Margaret's is well over 100 feet but that's on the street... I think hers is actually Limited only by earshot.

We're a self-centered species and there's probably a reason for it, ie: it may help us survive. We're also a species capable of cooperation and there's undoubtedly a reason for that, ie: it helps us survive.

It's unfortunate that some people allow their untreated mental and physical problems hold them back but others should try to not let that unfortunate situation affect them negatively as well. Regarding my friend, you may be able to help her escape her prison or you can let her can't do attitude negatively affect you. Did you know there's a man who wants her attention but can't get it... she needs to find a mate or at least a few more friends.

People can give someone good advice till they're blue in the face but if that persons wiring or body chemistry is a certain way they'll probably never accept it... they may however be reachable through religion.

Humility...

“It's not the heat it's the humility”... Yogi Berra

When you go to somebody's birthday party let it be all about them, you'll have your chance at your party and even then try not to make it all about you. This isn't really false humility as much as good manners which despite evidence to the contrary should still matter.

In any given human population some people seem humble and other seem arrogant. My question is, how much does it vary from group to group? I'm likely to be told that it doesn't but I think it does. If I'm right, my question is, why do members of certain populations seem more humble or conversely more arrogant than members of other pops? Is it nature, nurture or socialization?

Hypocrisy

He's been for every war we've had but being a true patriot he doesn't pay taxes. This makes him doubly smart since he's for pay for those war with OPM.

Who're bigger jerks; Republicans or Democrats, this race or that race, one religion or another, men or women, gays or straights, you or me? ... I think it's a dead heat :)

Idealism

“Nowhere Man please listen you don't know what you're missing... sitting in his nowhere land, making all his nowhere plans for nobody”... Beatles

People have causes they're passionate about and they'll do anything to promote it and therein lies the rub. We profess Godliness but when the cause comes first we get nasty to friend and foe alike... I think it goes back to when we were chimps.

“You're a good Man Charlie Brown, you're the kind of reminder that we need, you have humility, nobility and a sense of honor that is very rare indeed”...Peanuts

Immigration

“He be making like a bee-line, heading for the border-line, going for broke”...BozScaggs

Now I know how the Indians felt:)

You complain about discrimination along the southern border but not about the Canadian border. The Canadians don't seem to cause much trouble compared to the Mexicans and we've had a war with both of them. Maybe it's because we took a lot of territory from Mexico but not from Canada in those wars. Personally I think they're more differences and just that but it's not PC to talk about it that's for darn sure and I probably already crossed the line...

The Immigration activist said that people are erecting walls of separation and that it's a racist thing to do... as usual he's using the buzzwords that evoke emotions, guilt and law suits. I'm not saying walls are always right but neither are they always wrong and those pouring into the country and their advocates shouldn't be making the decisions, those in the country should decide whether or not they're necessary at a particular time... don't they say good fences make good neighbors? The activist goes on to say we should be building bridges instead and I would agree if immigration wasn't a one way street but with the abuse of the system that's occurring we need walls as well as bridges and the will and means to defend and control them both.

Many nativists have largely embraced ZPG and are having fewer babies. They think they're saving the planet but due to the law of unintended consequences, their family trees are gradually withering away. Yuppies tend to use the least welfare per capital even as their tax dollars pay to rear the children of undocumented immigrants and native minorities, most of whom pay very little in income taxes but consume trillions in benefits for their larger families... you can call it being charitable, responsible or whatever you want... I call it stupidity.

The pundit said can you imagine putting your children on a train and sending them thousands of miles unaccompanied from Central America to the U.S? She made it sound like these parents were making an enormous sacrifice but what they are doing is more likely a well-planned strategy by people who would rather drain the resources of other people than tackle their own problems head-on. Some of these cute children will become law-abiding tax payers but many will; milk the system, commit the same crimes their countrymen are committing back home and advance the banana republic mentality and agenda their countries have been famous for, for hundreds of years.

The people of Central America have less incentive to fix their own countries if they think they can just come to North America. Meanwhile we already have enormous problems at home that should be addressed instead of inviting others in and simultaneously meddling in

other countries affairs. Our laws should be changed so that our military can focus on domestic enemies that have taken over inner cities and illegal immigrants determined in many cases to milk our system. Some do well and I applaud them but many end up filling our prisons and swelling our welfare rolls.

Only allow people to immigrate if they espouse a; religion, denomination, sect or personal belief that unequivocally supports freedom of religion and non-violence other than in self-defense. If their; religion, denomination, sect or personal beliefs oppose those values, I wish they would not be allowed into our country. Members of certain branches of all major religions and some religiously un-affiliated individuals would have trouble "qualifying" under these standards.

The burden of proof should be on the individual and religions should literally be put on trial in order to prove their tolerance of others and their belief in non-violence other than in self-defense. Individuals should also have to prove at their own expense that they have and will adhere to these principals and that they are not lying about their affiliations or beliefs. If their words or actions conflict with these principals then bye, bye and the same goes for their members who want to immigrate here.

Of course this is pie in the sky thinking and yes it would be almost impossible to enforce such laws, or prove/disprove each individual's motives and beliefs, not to mention that the immigration process would become incredibly cumbersome. We would have a heck of a time admitting everyone from unskilled laborers to high-tech workers, which would anger many employers. I guess we'd have to fill low-medium skilled jobs with American workers who either can't find work or prefer being on the dole... Regarding high-tech workers, employers would still outsource those jobs to other countries, which should be addressed as well... maybe the Donald has a solution:)

One reason some people want to let illegal aliens in is because they think they'll pay enough into Social Security to keep the system going...

We're working so hard to give away the farm that we're bound to succeed!

I wonder why the Europeans are allowing hundreds of thousands of migrants from Africa and the Middle East into their countries? Ostensibly it's for humanitarian reasons and to some extent that's surely true but as in the United States it probably also has to do with the rich wanting cheap labor in their businesses and homes and like in the United States many hard-working taxpayers would prefer these people stay at home and improve their own countries instead of bringing their brands of government to Europe. I guess the rich think that they and their children are insulated from the problems migrants bring from violent, corrupt, dysfunctional societies, they may be but the rest of their societies are not.

The problem with wide open immigration is that after that nice hardworking couple from another country comes over, they're soon followed by friends, relatives and eventually half their country. Many of them are also nice and hardworking, but quite a few are neither of those but our fearless leaders still want to charge tax payers to resettle these families which by and large are large! At the same time TPTB has also determined that our scarce tax dollars must pay to support the large, growing families of people on welfare who think we owe them a living. Pretty soon non-recent-immigrant families will be the outvoted, oppressed minority and will not receive the benefits they were forced to give to others...it's long past time to show them the door... and by them I mean illegals who abuse the system and TPTB... illegals who are already here and can make a good case that they've contributed should have a "path", those who can't make that case should have a different "path."

90% of the people on welfare in the United States are really able to work and 90% of the people claiming refugee status coming to the US and Western Europe are not really in danger of being harmed if they go back to their countries. Perhaps that means that 90% of the time that negates the argument that you must grant refugee status to such people. Which brings up the maxim that it's better to let nine guilty people go free than put one innocent person in jail. I think it depends on the types of crimes and other factors and of course keeping innocent people out of prison is a hugely important concern. So why are thousands of pot smokers rotting in jail while the Boston Marathon bomber and Aurora, Colorado movie theatre mass murder wasting the tax payer's money? Take your Polly Anna tricks and slick maxims and stick them where the sun don't shine...stop letting terrible criminals off the hook and incarcerating non-violent people who offend your sensibilities.

Our ancestors didn't fight and die and yes sometimes do terrible things so that unrelated people could benefit. I think the record shows that the offended people's ancestors were every bit as bloodthirsty as ours, so why should their descendants inherit the birthright fought for by our ancestors? Instead we should all learn from the experiences, excesses, mistakes and good things that everyone's ancestors contributed to. The lesson I see is that no one should repeat the mistakes of the past and no one born recently should be held retroactively responsible for the mistakes of their ancestors. Just as we have the right and responsibility to take care of their children, our ancestors had the right to pass on a birthright to their descendants. Those who receive or received nothing can look to their ancestors about it and if they're honest they'll realize they have no birthright because their ancestors were either or all of the following; lazy, stupid, superstitious or ill-prepared to deal with challenges. Those of us who may have received a birthright of some kind should learn from the past that if we are; lazy, stupid, superstitious or ill-prepared to deal with challenges, then our descendants will suffer.

So what we can learn from these past atrocities catastrophes try amps is don't allow yourself to be abused and the only way to do that is to have a strong military but also don't use your military to abuse others the Rob is when do you use your military to prevent others from abusing others playing monsters abroad so to speak?

American colonist left the old world to start a new one, so why go back and intervene in the old world's affairs? Granted there are times it should be considered and occasionally done, but not nearly as often as we've done it. Setting a good example but not getting involved should be our course whether now or in future environs like space.

Everyone should learn from all cultures all ancestors all experience all catastrophes I'll try amps but they should not be twisted

Let's encourage people to move here who are tolerant in the matter of religion... the problem is you can't really tell who is.

We would have more jobs in this country if we control our borders and made able bodies welfare recipients work. We would also be doing our youth a favor to encourage education instead of the veneration of entertainers and athletes because it brings in money for those who dominate mass media and popular culture. You can say they're giving the people what they want and that's partially true but they're also steering the people, herd-like towards an outcome that those with great wealth, great influence and a nefarious agenda are dedicated to promoting.

Anglo-Saxons want their own kind of cronyism and corruption. They go for standing high tech armies and police. They also don't seem to mind the rich getting their way. Latinos seem to be used to something else, Arabs want something else, Asians may be comfortable with something else, Africans may prefer their own particular power structure etc. I just want the right to choose what kind of "corruption and cronyism" I have to endure, which means that if I was young I'd consider moving... but there's nowhere to go:)

Immigration - The Emperor Has No Woes (About Usurping Power)

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In an obvious abuse of power, late last month His Majesty issued executive orders protecting millions of illegal immigrants from deportation stating, "there are actions I have the legal authority to take...that will help make our immigration system more fair." Obama implied that he's preventing families from being torn apart but it's really a scheme to allow millions who will overwhelmingly vote Democrat to become citizens and help the Obama revolution destroy America as we know it.

It's wonderful to have compassion for people who want to become Americans but Obama's decimation of immigration laws is cynical and damaging to the country. America is between a rock and a hard place and the skilled agitators whose motto is, "never let a crisis go to waste", are doing their best to frame the debate so that the outcome will be in their favor. Americans want to be compassionate but they don't want the U.S. to be drastically changed demographically, which is inevitable if tens of millions of poor unskilled immigrants continue to come here.

We are at a crossroads and must decide if America will be a republic and a meritocracy or a welfare state. Unfortunately the American republic's been slipping away for a century and Ben Franklin's quote, "...a republic if you can keep it", in answer to a question about what form of government the revolution would give the people, has proven prophetic.

Historically immigrants came to America for opportunities unavailable in their native lands but increasingly many come here primarily for social welfare benefits. Such policies are unsustainable and foolish in this age of intense economic competition. It would be wise to base immigration policy as much on increasing our competitiveness, as on compassion for the needy. An immigration system similar to the college admissions model is more appropriate than the 19th century method now in place. Colleges admit applicants based primarily on their academic records but also admit a smaller number of people with lower grades who bring various desirable attributes to the student body. Similarly, America should admit immigrants based on what they offer this society, while also admitting a smaller number of people for humanitarian reasons. It would be different if we lacked unskilled workers, in which case we would want to admit more of them but what we lack are highly skilled workers, so they are the ones to admit in higher numbers.

There should be a formula based approach to evaluating immigration applications so that we admit people with the qualities required for our countries continued success. Like university admissions, the formula should be subjective enough to consider intangible attributes but it should primarily be merit based. When it comes to undocumented immigrants already in the U.S. any possible admission process should include an essay question or two, so applicants who have made the effort to learn English are rewarded compared to those who haven't made that effort.

Self-deportation which has been ridiculed should be one of the cornerstones of immigration reform to help expatriate the millions of immigrants who have disobeyed our laws and abused our welfare system. At the top of the deportation list should be criminals, followed by serial exploiters of our welfare and legal systems.

Simultaneously the American welfare system should be reformed and the millions of able bodied people receiving benefits should be compelled to get off the dole. This would discourage unskilled immigrants from violating our borders and lead to wage increases for

American's currently working for the minimum. Welfare recipients who return to work would become net contributors to society and hopefully escape the multi-generational cycle of poverty perpetuated by the welfare system. Admission of highly skilled workers on the other hand will make the U.S. more competitive with other developed nations.

Low skilled immigrant workers pay little or no income tax, get tax refunds via the earned tax income credit and often rack up huge hospital bills ultimately paid for by American taxpayers. Conversely, highly skilled workers who are needed but not allowed to immigrate are likely to put more into the system than they take out.

It's a matter of supply and demand and if America supplies opportunities for hard working people it will attract hard working immigrants, but if it supplies easy welfare benefits it will attract people seeking those. It's time for the American people to decide they will offer opportunity not welfare, because that is how our country was built.

Our borders should be as impenetrable to illegal immigrants as it is to foreign armies and technologies exist to make his goal attainable, if we have the will to do it. We are foolish if we allow special interest groups and loud lobbyists reduce the question of border control to an emotional issue. People coming here to have anchor babies, or seek public assistance are quite aware they are breaking the law and exploiting American tax payers and as such they should bear the burden of guilt, not us.

Regarding people in the U.S. illegally, their cases should be evaluated based on what they have done since their arrival. If an undocumented immigrant received benefits and went on to start a business and employ others, he or she should receive preference over immigrants who flagrantly exploit the social safety-net or committed crimes.

America should try hard to minimize inconveniencing immigrant children even though the real culprits are the parents who brought, or sent them here illegally. These transgressions must not be paid for by law abiding Americans. If we foolishly allow activists and agitators to inflict a guilt trip driven immigration policies on us it will harm all Americans in the long run.

U.S. immigration policy should not be based on righting past wrongs, or on placating guilty consciences. It's humanitarian to consider these but just as your children didn't commit past injustices, immigrant children aren't suffering from those nearly as much as from their parent's current mistakes. Likewise there must be no shame in stating that America should be an English-speaking nation and while it's great that immigrants can speak other languages, learning English should be the higher priority.

Let's not be duped into allowing agitators to succeed in Balkanizing America and turning it into something contrary to what its founders intended. The agitators desire to transform American into a weak welfare state should be resisted by all Americans regardless of when,

or how their ancestors arrived on these shores. In this century, countries that attract skilled immigrants will succeed and countries that allow; activists, social engineers and benefit seekers to mandate their immigration policies will fail... I hope America chooses the wiser model.

A path to citizenship shouldn't be a free pass and we should decide that role of this country isn't simply to absorb people from troubled countries. Such people would be doing their families and countrymen a greater service if they stayed where they are and fixed their own societies. Inevitably a sizeable number of immigrants from countries ripe with; violence, bribery and corruption bring those entrenched habits here instead of abandoning them on their own shores. We must determine that from now on, this country is for the people who are here and for a reasonable number of immigrants who intend and are able to contribute to American society.

It's no longer feasible for America to base immigration policy on reuniting people with family members who intentionally crossed our borders illegally. Being duped or guilted into accepting the "reuniting families" argument will lead only the U.S. continually being flooded with unskilled workers and people more interested in welfare than in work. The future belongs to countries that offer opportunity, not hand-outs and that insist on supply/demand, competition based immigration systems. The president's cynical scheme to import millions of future democratic voters must be stopped or America's famous but dwindling, silent majority will suffer irreparably from Obama's "Change we can believe in" plan for America.

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The formula for staying or being deported should include how much taxes you've paid, how much taxpayer money you've taken and a bonus for jobs you've created

Infinity, Eternity...

The purported fact that the universe is infinite and may or may not mean that we are insignificant but it probably means our grandiosity is misplaced.

Instinct

Tendency, predisposition, inclination, instinct, or maybe those don't exist and our behavior's due to socialization ... call it what you will, or discredit it all together, humans do what they do for reasons.

Whether it's due to; tendencies, predisposition, inclination, instinct, socialization, fate, God's will, or something else... humans are a "piece of work" and we do what we do for reasons good and bad and sometimes there can be "hell to pay."

Some people are instinctual about most everything and some people aren't... my instincts are nothing to write home about, what about yours?

You may have an instinct to take care of every baby in the world even if it's someone's who is determined to destroy our people and plays the system so other people have to pay massively for their children's rearing expenses, which often includes free; meals, education, health care, housing, spending money etc. My Instinct is survival of our own people although that's largely been forgotten or denigrated by the social engineers who are complicit in attempting to remake the world according to their prescription. We're supposed to renounce or be ashamed that we want our people to survive the coming century even though that's been a goal of people since time immemorial. I neither renounce or am ashamed that I want our people to survive and flourish.

I think women are more instinctive than men mainly because the maternal instinct is overwhelmingly strong. The male protective instinct is also strong and kicks in at times but it's a bit fickle... meanwhile back at the ranch, a man's mating instinct is strong most of the time a women's just part time.

Not saying women are purely instinctive, just that the mothering instinct is even stronger than the male instinct to fight hunt protect or do anything else except possibly to couple.

Animals have it so much easier than humans, they have instincts and hierarchy and don't worry about; changing mores and values, gay rights, obtaining written consent before having sex, religious and ethnic tensions, immigration, nuclear bombs, financial meltdowns and all the rest. They don't know about cancer, the inevitability of death and so on... they're oblivious and their value system and mores are relatively static, so who's Lucky us or them? Yes they face challenges from other prides, herds or whatever but overall it's a much simpler if not deadlier existence than ours which for half of mankind centers not on day to day survival and more on luxury and comfort. The other half of humankind may have the double whammy of the worst of both worlds, so what's the solution?

Intervention

Maybe we should intervene in a rock where they're throwing game and off buildings and stoning that they come down alive. Maybe John Quincy Adams was wrong maybe maybe not. Do such actions result in justice yes in the short-term but in the long term do they result in the oppressed groups controlling The rest of us. It is certainly right to stop those actions over there but if they result eventually is special-interest groups taking over then we've gone too far. Justice and equal treatment for all but no special interest groups controlling the rest of us... balance is what we need.

Let people fill in the blanks themselves, for example when you say to someone suffering from an addiction, "do you really want to go through that again?", it's probably counterproductive to add, "just because you want to be in good with old so-and-so." You may think that hanging out with old so-and-so's likely to make your friend fall off the wagon but your friend probably knows that too and it will mean more if they think of it themselves.

Irony

"There's a king on a throne with his eyes torn out

There's a blind man looking for a shadow of doubt

There's a rich man sleeping on a golden bed

There's a skeleton choking on a crust of bread"... The Police

"Don't make accusations, because an accidental false one blows your credibility. Even if you're right nine times out of 10 it's the screw up that ruins your reputation.

Maybe I don't like _____ people and it seems that _____ people don't like me and it's a bit ironic that I can't fill in the blank due to PC. These are generalizations because I like some _____ and some _____ may like me. But neither of us should have to associate with anyone we don't want to.

There're two numbers I check daily, my weight and my investments... neither's doing well.

"Maybe someday we'll find out we're all players in the world's greatest video game and will we feel like pawns or will that free us?" ... Morgan Freeman

Japan

I'm not saying dropping it was right and I'm not saying dropping it was wrong. I've spoken to a Japanese man who said it was okay because of the freedoms it lead to for their people and I've heard from Americans who call it a crime... as I think many Japanese also believe. Some in the America right or wrong camp seem to have no problem with it but I hope Truman wrestled with it mentally, studied and exhausted the alternatives before making that terrible decision...

Jefferson, Thomas...

"God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion... the tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants"... Nov 13, 1787

"Difference of opinion is advantageous in religion. The several sects perform the office of a Censor morum over each other. Is uniformity attainable? Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned: yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion? To make one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites. To support roguery and error all over the earth"

Jihad and Crusade

Giving half of Palestine and half of Jerusalem etc. to the Jewish people was very kind act on behalf of the Christian West which controlled the United Nations but did they not realize or not care this would lead to conflict?

Judging each Other

Karma

If there's wasp and squirrel karma I'm in trouble!

If you're doing God's will you have nothing to worry about even if you're bombing cities... if it's not God's will... you've got another thing coming...

"You might as well appeal against a thunderstorm as against these terrible hardships of war. War is cruelty, there is no use trying to reform it; the crueler it is, the sooner it will be over"...William T. Sherman

LGBT

“And you know who you were then, girls were girls and men were men, mister we could use a man like Herbert Hoover again”... "Those Were The Days" by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse and sung by “Archie Bunker.” Just another brick in the wall, in this case cemented in place by Norman Lear...

As long as someone else's life or limbs aren't imperiled, people should have the right to run their businesses the way they want. If you have the right to boycott someone's business why shouldn't they have the right to decide who to serve? It may not be a smart business model but people shouldn't be punished for turning down customers.

Jesus said “go and sin no more”, John 8:11 he also said, “I did not come to abolish the law of Moses...” Matthew 5:17, New Living Translation. So when the gays say Jesus being on their side I just have to wonder who is right, LGBTs or fundamentalist Christians? I wonder if the LGBT life is somewhat natural and good as they might say, or an abomination, or something else. All I know is the Bible verses above are just another reason I think LGBTs should not be abused nor should they and their acts be celebrated, advanced, embraced or their powerbase strengthened.

Gay activist are trying very hard to frame the day the debate so that you're a discredited homophobe if you don't agree with their point of view and they're succeeding.

I care less about gay, straight or polygamous marriages than about people being able to dictate that others must take their wedding pictures or bake their cake, or risk being driven out of business by monied activist's lawyers if they refuse those orders.

Some people object to homosexuality on religious terms, I think generally speaking it's unnatural. My objection is that you're mainstreaming it and teaching our children it's more or less natural. In fact you've been teaching that for 50 years and most young people may now consider homosexuality to be more or less natural. The activists seem to want it embraced not just tolerated. I have no problem with it being tolerated but think communities and societies have the right to regulate public displays of affection for all people. No society that I know of allows sex acts in public and I don't know of hetero or homosexuals seriously advocating that but lesser PDA is a different matter and communities should be able to set their own standards.

Historically the continuation of the society relied on humans being fruitful and multiplying but some argue those days are behind us. Anyone can adopt and most can procreate artificially if necessary and that may be fine or their could be negative long-term

implications. My objection is with a small activist segment of the population seemingly wanting to make their values mandatory for the rest of us.

I don't want the government to say I have to conduct a wedding for a gay couple and I don't want my neighbor to say I can't conduct one... both are equally onerous.

Sent from my iPhone=Either lost or was threatened with losing its tax free status because it would not recognize interracial marriages. Now the argument before the Supreme Court or at least in their backgrounds is will churches lose their text free rating if they don't officially recognize transsexuals like Bruce Jenner's "rights." What rights are they talking about, is it the right to use whichever bathroom they want, or must we call him Caitlyn whether we want to or not, or will there be other "rights" we must "respect" whether we want to or not?

I think you should have the right not to recognize whatever they don't want to recognize and recognize whatever they want to. I also don't think churches should have tax-free status anyway, since they are special interest groups, that lobby for specific agendas, whether by surreptitiously supporting; candidates, causes, wars as well as evangelizing and proselytizing... I'm calling a spade a spade.

Is gay rights an example of the meek having inherited the earth? Just because homosexual behavior occasionally occurs in nature, some activists would like for the word "unnatural" to no longer be used along with the word homosexuality. Eventually it may end up in court and using the two words together could get you in trouble. In Euchre Ville it's legal to perform homosexual acts behind closed doors but not fine to exhibit extreme homosexual acts in public or to deceive people; Briney Maxwell or Rue Paul style.

Silly antiquated me! I thought women were born with vaginas not through shopping for them. That they have uterus, ovaries and develop breast naturally not via surgery and hormone treatments. To me Bruce Jenner is a man and drive who's got part way towards being a woman through the various normal and possible surgical procedures I don't disrespect him for that and I want to know if him to be a woman until he has her uterus and ovaries. If I'm the freak show and the hater for having an opinion and so bad I've always liked person still do and respect him I don't think he's a woman at least not entirely yet. As far as relating to women and feeling like one that maybe true but I don't hold that against him and I don't know if it's nature nurture and living with the Kardashians in California that he done it

If a younger version of Bruce can bear a child naturally or through science then I'll call that person a woman, until then they are something else.

Language, Buzzwords and “New speak”

“Because you know sometimes words have two meanings”... Led Zeppelin

Maybe corn on the cob came from, it looks like a corn but it's on a cob:)

The word Pilgrim might come from, those people are going to have a grim pill to swallow:)

Two of the most overused phrases in the English language are "people will think..." and "what will people think?" And we start using them at a very young age... just heard a little girl say it to her Dad? who was airing out his feet at the mall:)

He said he was looking for a queen box springs and was sure he'd find one because he was looking for it and always finds what he's looking for, for free. I said something, “like you're just throwing it out to the universe”, then realized that although okay with him, that statement could be anathema to her. She would however probably accept... ask and you shall receive.

You act like anything more than a two syllable word is pretentious... I don't know, maybe you're trying to get in good with the knuckle draggers and that's fine with me... I hope it doesn't get you where it got them. In fact some people misuse them all the time but I guess that's okay, in fact some people think it's better... at least they're not pretentious hmmm.

Why can't you start a sentence with the word but? I wonder if it's to make it harder for us to figure out a way to construct a sentence that questions TPB:)

Lip-service is a great expression and it can actually be effective or a total waste!

Since time immemorial, women in particular have engaged in the art of conversation and I've learned about it from my daughter who's an expert. Meanwhile from my son I learned about wordplay. Apparently there's a long history of that too. The art of conversation focuses on news, gossip, other useful information and holding court.

They use the expression, “in a way that we hadn't seen before” and this time they're talking about Prince's music “crossing barriers etc.” It seems to me this is another one of those overused expressions, because as usual we have seen it before a hundred times, not to diminish the quality of Prince's music but artists have been “crossing barriers” for a very long time... that's what makes them great.

“We need to find what out it is”... Norwegian journalist about a UFO :)

Infiltrator is an interesting word as part of it seems to come from the word traitor and that's what infiltrators are to those inside the cordon.

Steve Martin: "Some people have a way with ...

www.goodreads.com/.../36686-some-people-have-a-way-with...

Goodreads

"Some people have a way with words, others not have way"... Steve Martin

Law and Order

"Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"... John 7:51

Non-lethal but extreme means such as waterboarding should be used to extract information from those who society believes are withholding information that could save a city or rescue a person whose life hangs in the balance. But these means should never be used to extract information for political, ideological, economic or theological reasons. They must be reserved only for when the absolute security of the citizens of a state are threatened by criminality or terrorism.

Was the Code of Hammurabi the 'first' and did it protect the weak from the strong?

The fact that we've evolved into a country where psychopaths are given the benefit of the doubt and greater protection under the law than peaceful citizens is wrong and is another of the death by a thousand cuts that we are inflicting on this great nation.

Leaders

"Don't follow leaders watch your parking meters"... Bob Dylan

I think it's no surprise that many of great leaders have been Masons. I don't know a great deal about them but have heard they are open-minded and not constrained by the narrow minded theologies that abound.

When I Google famous Pentecostals I find Al Sharpton and Sarah Palin if you Google famous masons the names are far more notable.

"I have no fear that the result of our experiment will be that men may be trusted to govern themselves without a master." Thomas Jefferson quote

Love

Unconditional love doesn't mean you don't have to prove yourself every day... that's just the way people seem to be. Maybe it's different with you? Maybe it's different with Jesus?

Loyalty and trust

The fact that you don't trust us and are so suspicious is a huge turn off. You may have good reason to be like that but I doubt it. Furthermore, the fact that you're so trusting and enthralled by obvious frauds and charlatans is an indictment of your character and intuition.

Suspension may be a form of discernment but if you're suspicious of everyone there's probably very little discernment going on.

There are two kinds of inquiring minds, the first is suspicious the second is curious. The suspicious mind is driven by fear of abandonment so it tries to maintain control of its life through control over other people. To control others it constructs a framework of; legalities and associated punishments to be administered when its excessive laws are violated. The other kind of inquiring mind is curious about the world at large, wants to understand it better and wants the freedom to explore. This can put it at odds with suspicious minds that fear abandonment, making them suspicious of the curious minds intentions and wanting to control the curious through laws and punishment. There is no contract, or law that can protect the suspicious from abandonment and they're overly legalistic, domineering and punitive nature instead leads others to abandon them. This isn't to say that abandonment isn't a real concern and a very sad thing, it's just to say that legalism, subjugation and punishment are more likely to be the problem than the solution.

Machismo

McLife

"We're just two lost souls swimming in a fishbowl year after year"... Pink Floyd

"Actions speak louder than words and I'm a man of great McSperience"...Black Crows (not)

"Under them skies of blue...A rebel without a clue...The sky was McLimit"... Tom Petty

I screw up every day the week and my final screwup will be that morning I forget to wake up.

“Sitting on the fence is a dangerous course you could even catch a bullet from Mc peacekeeping force”... Mc Dire Straits

I guess it's all that McGood clean living:)

“I McThink therefore I McAm”...McShakespeare

There will be an answer let McBe let Mcbe... McBeatles

“It's the end of McWorld as we know it and I'm McFine”...McREM

“It's the end of the world and I feel fine” I'm grateful that I was raised by fairly hopeful, optimistic, rational people who left me largely unencumbered by ancient, superstitious fears and vendettas. We weren't surrounded by people who thought the world was inhabited by angels and demons who were responsible for all that was good or bad. Our lives did not revolve around “would we go to heaven or hell” depending on what we believed and who's marching orders we followed. I'm grateful to have parents who focused on more practical problems like paying the bills. They had their baggage and fears no doubt but their lives weren't based largely on satisfying masters who propagated fear of doom if they didn't toe a particular religious line. If we can avoid those theologies by avoiding such people, studying something other than only their books or even by largely tuning out there messages then we can better deal with the rational problems in our lives. Life's better and perhaps a bit easier if we're not afraid that we, our friends and relatives are going to burn in hell eternally if we don't conform to a dominant paradigm and its program. Such freedom results in one less layer of angst and God knows there's enough of that in life already!

“All I want to do is have McFun till the sun comes up over Santa Monica Blvd”...Sheryl Crow (revised) :)

McDonald Trump :)

Manifest Destiny

So if you believe in manifest destiny and that those people's lives have no meaning it's pretty easy to take their land be they Palestinians or American Indians. This dovetails nicely with the notion that non-Christian lives have no meaning and it seems to me it's mostly fundamentalist religions that tells us that. Some social scientists tell us that too... they're called eugenicists and I think they've been largely discredited but the religious side of that coin hasn't been.

Just wondering if the Palestinians had a vote in 1947 when the United Nations voted to partition their land? Whether or not they did, they certainly didn't have the same clout or influence in that esteemed body as others involved in the process...

So before you go halfway around the world to slay monsters, ask yourself will it really help or make matters worse and then review your record and see how you've done in the past. Of course you'll blame the situation in Iraq on someone other than the neocons, including that we didn't even get repaid in oil. We were told we deserved payment from them in oil and that they'd greet us with the flowers. Meanwhile we do very little in Africa where regimes are just as cruel but the point is, Washington and John Quincy Adams were probably righter than Bush, Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz.

Marriage, Women and Wives (another chapter adam and eve-n

"He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord"... Proverbs 18;22

"...She was the best damn woman that I ever seen"... AC/DC

"I love all of you all your curves and all your edges all your perfect imperfections"... John Legend

"There's a maniac out in front of me, got an angel on my shoulder and Mehistopheles..... I'll be your ghost, your game, your stadium, I'll be your fifty thousand clapping like one"... One Republic

"She had been born with a face that wouldn't let her get away he saw that face and he lost all control"... Bob Seger

"The whisper the calls out to you at night and kisses your ear in the morning light"... Heart (Crazy on You)

"Some dance to remember some dance to forget"... the Eagles

"Madame Onassis got nothing on you"...Rod Stewart

"Find a girl, settle down if you want you can marry, look at me I am old but I'm happy"... Cat Stevens (you may be)... kind of, sort of, sometimes, I can't sleep worth a darn:)

I recommend getting your heart trampled on The fire trucks are coming up around the bend you live you learn"... Alanis Morissette

“...there she was, like double cherry pie, yeah there she was like disco superfly, mama this surely is a dream”... Marcy Playground

“I would be the man that walks 500 miles and falls down at your door”... Celtic Thunder

“I've loved some girls that I barely knew, I've made some friends, and I've lost some too, Through all the things my eyes have seen The best by far is you”... Andrew McMahon

Understand that your wife will never be completely happy and limit your attempts to please her. Happy wife, happy life has some truth to it and you should be a good husband but if you jump through her hoops, she'll just keep raising more of them. Wives might want to consider that their husbands will never be perfect or change in the ways you'd like them too...it's the nature of the beast. So men and women make the best of it, do your part and things may work out. Expect too much or work and contribute too little and it probably won't.

Marriage is a little like being under house arrest but has its perks etc, so tweak it a bit and the institution will be fine...

If you're lucky enough to have a good little queen, you should try your best to be a good little king...

Find a woman with a pleasant RBF because you might see a lot of it, which is normal, like them having to look at our RAF...

They're wonderful but they're rascals which I fully accept... after all you'd have to be crazy to take their job and they have no choice in the matter but from what I understand, despite the drawbacks most women find it quite satisfying.

I don't like it when people say “the wife's the boss”, because mine takes such comments dead serious and needs no encouragement in that area.

What do gals carry in their purse? It's their little secret but I think it's packed with stuff to start and stop trouble.

In addition to genuinely loving each other, which I think we really do, I don't think either of us wants to rejoin the dating game. Between not particularly wanting to handle unknown, unfamiliar private parts, there's the damage to our family and many other negatives. With each other at least we know and what we have so it's not such a crapshoot. So lately when one of us pisses off the other, we're likely to apologize and mean it.

Sometimes I think my wife's the funniest girl in the world then I wonder if maybe they're all like that?

Re: my old girl friend... like most women she had funny toes :)

Of course I'm wicked because just as an old couple starts to like each other like each other they act more like each other I've gotten saltier and she's gotten sweeter

Watching the Quiet Man and red head Maureen O'Hara sounding off reminds me that a man should hope to survive his woman more than handle her.

So with polygamy do you double the pleasure or triple the pain?

You might like a nice job paint on a fast car I prefer it on a pretty girl:)

Every once in a while I think I understand the feminine mystique then she throws me for a loop!

The Bamum? king in northern Cameroon, Africa has 100 Queens aka wives. Similar systems exist in the Middle East and I find them very strange, but see no reason to intervene as some people might. I wonder about the lives of those 100 women and about the men who might not have wives because the king has so many. The Bamum king's father reportedly had 500 children! Do such systems lead to; infidelity, perversion, violence etc. since one person has so much and so many others have so little? As for somebody with 100 wives he must be one heck of a guy or the vibrator salesman's best customer...

Everywoman is different, they're not a monolithic block but generally speaking I think the most important thing they want is someone who can provide for them, or at least make an equal contribution. A few are very happy to provide for their husbands but that's a bit unusual. Almost anything else can be worked out or solved but not being a provider is probably an even greater anchor than drug or alcohol addictions.

I don't know if Re-Mami's the right word because moms are never really un-Mamied in the first place:)

I think women prefer things that sparkle and men prefer things that shine... diamonds versus gold and all that.

Yes, women are vain and try hard to keep their looks for his long as possible and sometimes men belittle them for that. Arguably appearances have historically afforded women influence and power although that may be changing. Men also try to maintain whatever affords them power and influence, it just doesn't revolve as much around one's appearance.

I think it's only proper that ladies are crazy...how else could they take that job :)

Oooh we, they're just the cutest, wiggliest little things!

They're sweet wiggly people:)

My dear one wanted to know what I fantasize about which is a dangerous idea, since she'll hold it against me or not depending on what she learns. I tell her a bit because in the heat of the moment it may be helpful to her. I can't be too specific and certainly won't mention fantacizing about the hot waitress at the restaurant we go to. Funny how the more I see that waitress in action, enjoyable as the sight is, the more likely I am to get over her, realize how lucky I am and move on to a new muse. Each time I see her at the restaurant I notice something new like a little cellulite, a bruise on her tanned leg and it sinks in that she's not really blonde... which I already knew but the paint job had me fooled. Never the less, I've enjoyed the heck out of furtively watching her these last few months :)

My wife has some unusual expressions that I thought were hers exclusively but now think are gender specific and demonstrated by all women. They seem to cause a chemical reaction in males, including what I interpret as; crazy, seductive, perplexed and complicated.

Virginity till it marriage? I hate to say it but it eliminates the vast majority of men from your pool of potential mates. Foregoing sex is somewhat unnatural for men and maybe for women too. It's counterproductive for women since it eliminates 75% of men as potential husbands and it's arguably hypocritical on the part of so many of its advocates who didn't practice what they now preach. I suggest letting nature take its course or going to a certified sexual surrogate and "getting it over with." Sorry if that sounds callous, but I don't see virginity as a badge of honor or premarital sex as a sin. I do however see gross promiscuity as a mistake. As far as its moral superiority, I don't see it but if you're sure that Jesus wants/prefers it then go ahead and keep holding out... but I think it's unnatural, unnecessary and counterproductive. And by reducing the pool of potential husbands by 75% you are "settling" far more than you are by insisting on no premarital sex.

I imagine conclusions will be drawn along party lines, was it an example of youthful indiscretion on her part or weakness etc. on mine? Everyone can take from it what they want, blame who they will, although I don't think blame is what is needed and personally I think there are lessons to be learned from it. For example; don't say things you can't take back, don't threaten people and for my part it's illustrative I how I handled the situation and it may have been poorly. As far as letting bygones bygones be bygones I'm willing to do that or to go to counseling if that would help us. I'm not claiming post-traumatic stress syndrome just filling in a gap in the record which I think is important but which some people will say I should not do and that I'm a vengeful crybaby. I respectfully disagree and think it's an important part of family history that should be recorded.

...the image is seared on my brain as if by a branding iron. The significance to me is that I think it contributed to making me a weaker dad. In spite of that I have to ask myself how would it handle it if I had the chance to do it over again and the answer is I just don't know.

... the threat of taking a child and moving to another state has the effect of laying down the law can damage a marriage.

In a sense Marriage is a business and women understand that better than men. that's why they insist on a contract. So what will you bring to the table? A successful marriage increases the chances of children being raised successfully, unsuccessful marriages can result in a variety of forms of bankruptcy.

If women are more instinctive more hardwired than man it's probably because it's important for them to be. Maybe their job is more important than ours... after all a mother instinct is more likely to guarantee the next-generation's survival more than anything that men do.

There're times I think she's a God awful pain in the neck and I'm sure she sometimes think the same of me but she's the mother of my kids and I'm the father of hers, so it's okay...

Last night's Bible study was food for thought but opened wounds... sometimes food for thought is dangerous for a marriage, so should it be avoided?

You know how ladies are there wonderful when you get to know them or I s that untill you get to know them ...kidding just kidding.

A wild and woolly bunch, such a dandy bunch, wonderful little creatures, what a crew! A troublesome lot:) They love shiny things:) a Wiley bunch... :)

A wild and woolly bunch, a troublesome a lot but my favorites by far! I love the way they; walk, talk, sing, run, punch, laugh and wiggle...everything about them's incredible including the determination to take over the world and insert themselves in everything we do.

Her sweetness, her naughtiness... you decide:)

It's nothing personal I've just devoting my life to trying to understand a few things like women and God... good luck eh!

What is a woman? A woman is something in between the most wonderful creature ever created and the biggest pain in the neck you'll ever know. She can be the most loving or the most hateful, most loyal or most treacherous person you'll ever meet. Don't treat her wrong and when she flies off the handle use restraint you may want to react angrily but that will harm your marriage, instead say something like, "let's talk about this later when we've both calmed down." She may not react positively but she will have heard what you said and later she will be likely to be able to discuss the issue more calmly. If instead you say something cruel you may cross a line from which you can never step back.

Don't expect her logic to always line up with your's, she's on this planet for somewhat different reasons than you are. Don't expect her to be a deep thinker she's wired instead to be primarily an advocate for children and the poor although there are exceptions and she certainly has the capacity for deep thinking, it's just channeled in a different direction for a different purpose. Her compassion makes her even more susceptible than men to be fooled by charlatans and silver tongued devils. She's designed to follow not lead but like anyone, given an inch she'll take a mile and usurp authority. One of the worst things man has ever done is give women legal authority over him by means of majority vote or by other means and this happens from time to time throughout history. She is akin to a worker bee, but wants to be Queen (I wonder if honey bees are like that) just like we are basically foot soldiers who want to be kings.

Women tend to be for redistribution of resources money etc. men tend to want to keep it which you can call greedy if you want. Women may be more generous but they're arguably the most generous with other people's money. One reason being that they often have children to raise and without adequate resources children don't raise they lower.

Wonderful little creatures but troublesome at times:)

To be an American woman and not be a Christian is like enjoying union benefits without being a union member and paying ones dues... hmmm.

I am 58 and have been having sex for 40 years. Does that mean I am near the end of my run or do I have decades left to play this game?

Meanwhile my wife's at the age when a lot of women worry about their sex appeal but there's nothing to worry about... after all she still messes up clocks.

It's funny how ladies look so nice and friendly:)

**"Within the glow that weaves a cloak of delight, there moves a thread that has no end" ...
Led Zeppelin**

"Can I make your garden grow?"... Led Zeppelin

"Well I know it wasn't you who held me down. Heaven knows it wasn't you who set me free"... Eagles

"A prudent wife is from the Lord"... Proverbs 19:14

"You look so pretty, yes, you do, Times Square can't shine as bright as you, I swear, it's true. A thousand miles sounds pretty far but they've got planes and trains and cars I'd walk to you if I had no other way. Close your eyes listen to my voice, it's my disguise I'm by your side"... Plain White T's

“Yours is the cloth mine is the hand that sews time his is the force that lies within”... Led Zeppelin

“I can taste you on my lips and smell you on my clothes”...Butthole Surfers

“Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife”... Proverbs 25:24

“Women should know that men don't change after marriage, men should know that women do”... Tucker Carlson

“Ride a white mare in the footsteps of dawn

Tryin' to find a woman who's never, never, never been born.

Standing on a hill in my mountain of dreams,

Telling myself it's not as hard, hard, hard as it seems”... Zep

“There’s pigeons down at Market Square she's standing in her underwear, looking down from the hotel room nightfall will be coming soon... she moved there at the age of 18, blew the boys away is more than they had seen”... Tom Petty

Meek Shall Inherit the Earth...

“The geeks shell inherit the earth”... Alexandra Robbins

What the meek, the geeks and everyone else vying for power wants is to change the word per their world view. The problem is, it’s not just power and control over their own lives it’s power over everyone’s. I’m talking about the meek we already knew that about the powerful.

The kindest, gentlest people can be turned into monsters by ill-treatment, circumstances and abuse... it happens all the time. Ideology, theology and other forms of indoctrination can accomplish the same nasty thing.

Maybe someday the sensible will inherit the earth because they sure don't possess it now not to mention that there's no such thing as the meek.

Maybe the meek are those who’re biding their time... When it comes due to the foolishness of the strong the so called meek will dispossess the vanquished like nobody’s business.

Maybe the meek already have inherited the earth, women outnumber men and in most countries are the majority of the electorate. I think politicians have been accommodating the ladies even since they realized that's how you stay in office. But I've never met a truly meek woman...

The meek should be respected and protected but not rule over others that should be left to the wise gentle people of the world which is possibly what the scripture meant anyway.

Politicians and pastors have to cater to their most powerful constituents, unless they can inspire a cult like following in which case their constituents cater to them...

Gays have a right to be concerned about being bullied but maybe they shouldn't go too far in pressing for special rights. Practically everyone's been bullied I've been bullied and you've probably been bullied somewhere along the line. I'm not naming names but it I've been bullied by a few people who had an edge over me. Maybe they needed a target and saw I was weak, had a grudge, I looked funny, wasn't toeing the line or whatever. In any case it's been people who through physical strength or the courts had the ability to bully and took advantage of it... regrettably I've done the same.

Messages

Messiahs

"And Jesus, he wants to go to Venus

Leaving Levon far behind

Take a balloon and go sailing

While Levon, Levon slowly dies"...Bernie Taupin

"You better hope I don't find out you're the fink that ratted on me"... Bogart

As far as I can tell, at their core, most religions are personality cults. The cult can be based on one messianic figure or on a pantheon of gods.

So many people accept Pascal's choice and I don't blame them. This seems especially true of strong men who fear nothing but God and that is a good thing, but fear of the unknown and settling for less than pursuit of a better understanding of God is a shame.

Finding religion can shake you to the core but rarely does it really change you to the core because the shaking is usually due to fear not understanding.

Being saved can shake someone to the core and even change their personality but it usually reverts to what it was after the shock and awe has worn off and only regular doses of it keeps most people on the straight and narrow.

Did Jesus have a human ego or was it the God ego? If he was God is God ego he was a normal flesh and blood man and if he claimed what his disciples claim he claimed then it was one heck of a human ego.

Jesus is the gold standard and he reportedly didn't talk much about the need to be fruitful and multiply but they say he said he came to fulfill the Old Testament which does address that. Meanwhile he spoke a lot about service to others.

Is or was Jesus; who the Bible says he was, who the Gnostic's say he was, who the Talmud says he was, or something in between? His proponents say only the first choice is possible but the others may have known him too... His proponents do seem to disagree on some things about him... such as is he "The God of the universe" as some denominations believe, or is he the son of God as others believe.

Einstein had a different sort of the brain what about Jesus?

Was Jesus ever situational? Just asking...

Was He born fully conscious and mentally equipped mentally as God of the world when he was miraculously conceived, or was there a gap until he was a day old baby? I assume we're to believe he was fully conscious, fully aware and still running the world while in-utero... I guess it's no less believable than many other things we're advised to believe.

Some people think Jesus is literally the God of the universe and he created the earth in six days about 10,000 years ago... unless his message was nuanced, truncated, figurative, misunderstood or "revised" I find it very hard to believe.

I have lots of questions ranging from his miracles like; raising the dead, walking on water, multiplying fish etc. which I think all Christians are supposed to believe, to him actually being God and having personally? created the world in seven days which I think some denominations believed. So depending on the church they will say I am or am not a Christian based on their particular beliefs and most likely I don't qualify except for possibly the most minimalist list. I'm not concerned about the label but some people are and say we must make a decision. Presently they have no enforcement power other than shunning, de-friending etc., which is bad enough but eventually they may regain the power to force and demand decisions from targeted individuals, or even en-mass. If they regain said power, some of us will be in trouble because the religionists are descended from some

pretty rough characters and some of them will stoop to new lows as they rise to the occasion.

I don't think CS Lewis's two choices are the only ones, there could be lots of other possibilities. He could've been the right man at the time and place thinking he was who his people were waiting for. He could have believed what those around him said he was, especially perhaps his mother. But if he believed every jot and tittle from Noah's Ark to whatever, some of which could be plagiarism then why accept the idea that he was God or God's son (depending on the denomination.) If he didn't know these inconsistencies existed then what does that mean? I don't think he created the universe in seven days like some denominations, I think he was a man. I don't think he was necessarily misguided, mistaken or evil like C.S. attempts to almost forcibly pigeon hole us into... I say almost because though-out history people have been forced and given half a chance some people will do it again.

Jesus is the gold standard but I don't believe or agree with everything he said with the obvious qualifier that I certainly, certainly could be wrong. Regarding prophecy it sure looks like it's happening as explained in the Bible but I've met people who are making it their life's mission to make it happen and there are millions just like them on both sides of the fight. I hope we can live together in peace but people from different religions and ethnicities may not be able to, so separation isn't bad either.

Jesus had the most profound impact on humanity of anybody ever born, mostly good but also bad, though maybe through no fault of his own. Whether he was the creator of the universe as some people say... I'm a skeptic.

I think he came from a long tradition of brilliant people who made incredible claims and maybe they're all true there are more inclined to believe that they are just really a people made incredible claims and great wisdom and occasional probably sometimes gratefully=

He was what he was and I don't know what that was, or is but I don't have faith in the version of his followers or the Constantinian church. The argument that he was either what he said he was or else he was lying etc. is great for recruitment to the cause because most people will go with Pascal's choice consciously or otherwise. Actual unbiased historians if there are any will look at the facts of which there aren't very many.

A chance encounter between the Messiahs? Would they get along or roll around in the mud and the blood and the gore.

I have not heard from God regarding; what I should do, what to believe, who to support or who to fight, but I've heard from lots of people who report to specifically know these things. I think Jesus comes pretty close to getting it right and take what he reportedly said

quite seriously, what his minions have been saying ever since... not so much. We're told we must take sides and that may be right but I hope we can somehow live in peace.

I don't consider that antichrist, most cultist's do and a few religionist's may allow one the freedom to ponder and follow leads wherever they lead.

I won't say that the Bible's premise that Jesus said you have to believe what the Bible says he said is spurious, I will say it's a heck of a hook and an unrivaled recruiting tool. The gospel of Thomas apparently doesn't even mention the crucifixion and resurrection, which if Thomas was aware of he almost certainly wouldn't have omitted. Meanwhile the "official" church has in my opinion is rife with; charlatans and aggrandizing opportunists and probably always has been. Caveat emptor it's not a good idea to go around broadcasting such opinions.

I know what Constantine's church and its descendants say Jesus said and did and more and more I'm learning about other things he may have said and done from sources that were squelched by Constantine's church and its descendants but rediscovered in the last 100 or so years...hmmm. The same is true to a lesser extent to the Old Testament.

So the Messiah's birthday is celebrated on a day when most scholars, many Christian scholars agree is not his birthday and pagan rituals like the tree are included yet nobody is no reason to be in less there Christian every other religion is doomed and has literally no reason to be if this isn't a cult I don't know what it

So are you telling me that he is God or the son of God because I have more likely to believe that he's the son of God and that he is God and that he created the world in seven days but that's with some denominations believe so when you call me out all I can say is there lots more possibilities in with CS Lewis said and I think that I'm through some of the other possibilities and I don't know which they are but I have been baptized have asked him to save me and really haven't gotten an answer be on that other than coincidences and signs on the road and stories that other people tell him I'm still find other things more compelling like the evidence that people have nearest similar near-death experiences no matter what culture there from which of course my some of my Christian friends they will that to say messing with you I find that the spurious perhaps

If it wasn't for that confirmation of the veracity of every John and tittle I would take his claims more seriously and I already take his message quite seriously but upon analysis and it falls apart upon analysis because I can't see him as the creator of the universe and the ultimate authority if he is confirming things in the Old Testament that are almost certainly bunk things like the worldwide flood no I getting tens of thousands of the animals on an ark etc. at Cetera etc. If he confirmed authenticated and condone every Jott in tittle them it makes me question his veracity all the more because the veracity of a number of things in the Old Testament are highly speculative and some even worse

As far as I can tell the ancient messiahs and even more recent ones have not succeeded in bringing peace to the world although who knows in the long run maybe they will in their name but if you try to improve the world now and you do it in anything other than the frameworks that they created you call many horrible names and are at the mercy of their followers even though all you're trying to do is improve the world "" or make it more peaceful you're not allowed to do that unless you do it in the name of a recognized certified tax exempt religious organization=

I'm just wondering what were the moneychangers at the temple doing that was wrong? Were their weights dishonest, were they cheating people somehow or was it because they were plying their trade in the temple of the Lord? Sponsoring bingo's the closest thing I can think of that takes place at churches now and I wonder if there's any comparison to money-changing when it comes to appropriateness? to appropriateness? Getting back to the moneychangers, were they all thieves or just some of them and is that even relevant?

Frankly speaking he may have been a man who wanted to be worshiped as a God... heaven knows that wouldn't have been without precedent. I need to research if he said he would not change one jot or tittle from the Old Testament or the law, because to me that indicates acceptance of a few things that are pretty sketchy...

I don't know if we know exactly what Jesus said, what we know is what the gospels say he said. These were written decades after his death by people that might've had their own agenda and they were approved by a council picked by a Roman emperor. There are other Gospels that claim he said other things but these were not included in the Bible. So while I believe he said some pretty fantastic and at times outrageous things, I wouldn't be surprised if he didn't say everything attributed to him and therein lies a rub.

Almost everybody respects and/or agrees with the teachings of Jesus and many people seem to think that practicing his teaching will get them to heaven. Others seem to think as long as they espouse his teaching they'll get there and a few people espouse and act accordingly.

How crazy would I have to be to tell a group of religionists that their messiah may not be the solution and in fact may be part of the problem?

It seems that at every turn, Jesus wanted us to rise above our human nature and exceed it. That's fantastic and a most worthy goal, but like Gandhi observed Christians have always been better at talking the talk than walking the walk. Of course that's no reason to stop trying...

You can find wisdom in the words of many but if only one truly offers salvation then he stands a world apart... I'm not sure any truly do but one might and depending on who you talk to it's A, B, C or D.

Darkness is our worst enemy unless you have a light. My toes and head can attest to that...

To paraphrase Jesus he said we should; take care of the poor and giveaway our shirt, jacket and money. This may defy human and nature mother-nature, so does that mean it's wrong or does it mean that God wants us to rise above those natures? I'm guessing it's the latter...

Would Jesus demand that Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius worship him? According to a TV show I'm watching, Mohammed met Jesus while on his way to heaven...hmm. Would Gandhi be considered a respectable protégé or a hell-bound heathen? Gandhi said things like, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth and soon everybody's blind and toothless", which sounds great but would that score points with the Christ? Some things Gandhi said dovetail nicely with Jesus' teachings but Gandhi was not a Christian. In fact he said he would like to meet a real Christian someday. If he met the Christ would they get along or would Christ demand his complete and utter submission? My understanding is that's what he'd recommend if not demand from Gandhi and if he's who he says he is Gandhi had better comply.

Yes, I believe it's a personality cult based on a "Masters of the universe" mentality, both of which have been hugely popular since the beginning of time.

I can't think of anybody I would worship but do have a deep, abiding respect for lots of historical figures ranging from Copernicus to Franklin and Galileo to name a few. As far as I know there haven't been any or many wars fought in their names.

Middle East

"How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free"... Bob Dylan

"I don't know if there's a place called Iraq but I think there probably is a place called Kurdistan"... Joe Klein

"Go back 100 years and blame it on the Brits. They drew those straight line borders and anywhere you have straight line borders in the Middle East you have conflicts"... Joe Klein

I think Isis are monsters but as John Q Adams said it isn't America's job to go around slaying them...

Let them fight it out among themselves and someday they'll figure it out or they'll implode completely. Offer medicine, negotiating venues and refuge for beleaguered religious minorities... we owe them nothing more.

I'm a Christian if all you have to do is be baptized and ask Jesus to be your savior but still can have unanswered questions about the Bible, and believe in evolution and freedom of religion....:)

I'd like to hear more about not of the Donald's plans regarding taking Iraqi oil to pay for war or whatever. If the Iraqi people have a vote and decide they like that too then I'd say fine, if not I'd say let's get out and let them fix their own mess or self-destruct. Meanwhile we can rescue and resettle the Christians and anyone else who supposedly believes in love and tolerance, but we shouldn't be flat out pirates if that's what Don's proposing. If he has a more nuanced plan, let's hear it cause it might make more sense than the sound bites I've heard. Meanwhile I'm told my vote counts but my opinions should be kept to myself...I think that means I should vote the way I'm told and shut up...

Spider says were putting Isis on their heels but every time we do something like kidnap and interrogate an Isis leaders wife, we could be making them stronger... we just have to dig holes don't we. We're already being invaded from South of the border and have allowed millions of Muslims who don't respect freedom of religion in, to the point that it would probably be impossible to deport either group that it's only a matter of time till the inevitable conclusion.

"We have to deal with the issues", says John Hayden on TV, then he goes on to list them. Not surprisingly he never mentions the elephant in the room... that's why this may lead to Armageddon and maybe it should.

Is blessing Israel the same as condoning everything they do? Just wondering.

A BBC report says mustard and Saren gas has been used in Iraq and Syria more than 60 times by Isis in the Assad regime. I'm not surprised because it's total war between two brutal sides, but it's nothing compared to what America or Israel can unleash on them, or for that matter Iran if they get a bomb.

In a couple generations they will still call themselves the friends of Israel but directions will be far different than unconditional support of today=

My Christian friends seem even more militant about Israel, the Arabs and Iran than my Jewish friends. Maybe it's because the threat to the Jews though existential may be temporal in nature while to the Christians their eternal salvation is at stake... all sides might be careful what they wish for.

If our wars and other actions in the Middle East are God's will then I'm all for them and if they're not then I'm not for them and it's as simple as that. For those who tell us they know for a fact that it's God's will, for what it's worth I have questions and reservations which they've yet to answer convincingly...

All this talk about offering the Taliban and Al Qaeda mortgages and TVs so that they'll be content to stay home on the weekends is probably nonsense. It's perpetrated by many of the same guys who say this isn't the religious war but want to bomb them into oblivion because they carry Korans. It is religious in my opinion and the people fighting for Al Qaeda, Isis etc. aren't going to adopt western way unless they change their religion, which isn't that likely. Religious wars tend to escalate and this one may end up nuclear. So you might as well prepare your bunker, stock your shells and do what you have to do to survive the nuclear winter.

Middle East? We don't think we should be in there or giving money and weapons to anyone. The Saudis are no different than the Iranians and Israel is not what America is supposed to be... but then neither is America.

One minute Sean Hannity is bellicosely calling for more wars in the Middle East and a minute later he's personally hawking something for puffy eyes... what an asshole.

If we would stay out of the Mideast the Sunnis and Shiites may fight it out amongst themselves and so much violence may occur that it will eventually convince the people that radical religion is the problem not the solution. If we stay there the protagonists will always be able to point to us as the problem.

I don't think I'm in either of the major camps and probably not even in any of the acceptable camps and I'm certainly not in the enemy camp but some people will call you that if you're not in an acceptable camp, so I'm trying to keep opinions to myself.

"We talk about root causes as if it's going to make any difference whatsoever"... Charles Krauthammer, and I submit that therein lies the rub. Mr. Krauthammer will do his best to make sure we don't talk about them, much less address them.

Strange perhaps that this chapter is right after the one on messiahs:)

Although I don't think we should be in Middle East I'm pretty sure we're going going to stay there and keep fighting. I don't expect that we can do anything else but continue the war against terrorists which I think we will win...

Are our wars in the Middle East a crusade? You better not suggest that to some people. Yet we are the extremist fringe of the Western aka Christian world and we have always been militant in nature. The pilgrims brought muskets for hunting and "defense" but soon used them offensively. If the other side has no problem calling themselves jihadis why are

we so reticent to call ourselves crusaders? Occasionally by a slip of the tongue however it's acknowledged. We'd might as well call a spade a spade...

I don't think it's a crusade, I think there are a number of reasons we're over there but I think there is a religious component... aren't there religious components to most matters?

I don't know all the answers but I know some of the history. Some people know all the answers but none of the history, other than what they've heard from just one side and one sided history is rarely reliable.

The more we try to help in the Middle East the more we screw things up the more we empower the radicals=

I don't think we should've gone into the Middle East 100, 60 or 10 years ago but we did and since ISIS is on the warpath we will fight them. Les jeux son fait and where it will all lead no one knows for sure but the bandwagon's rolling.

Garrison's guest said there isn't a Palestinian problem, he said the Palestinians are the problem. He insists that they submit and stay on their assigned reservation, which they're not inclined to do so to him they become "the problem." His world view assigns everyone to one reservation or another and those who don't abide must be dealt with and broken. Funny how these people who disrespect almost all UN resolutions, have no problem with the resolution that divided Palestine. They might say resolution or not Palestine belongs to the Jews but in a generation or two their descendants might say the Jews should convert or face the consequences.

I doubt we can bring peace to the Middle East but we might be able to pacify it... which might cost tens or hundreds of millions of lives. Or it could cost far fewer, I don't know not do I recommend trying but some, perhaps many are willing to no matter what the cost. I still say an implosion's better than an explosion.

I think we should have and still let them implode instead of explode so that the damage might be kept generally within their borders, especially if nations with activist Muslim population deport the agitators. Hopefully it's not too late for these actions but sadly IMO they're unlikely to be employed anyway. Instead we're likely to keep pouring fuel on the fire and make matters worse. I think it's to some extent a religious war going back about 100 years and may be the fulfillment of God's desire or the prophecies may be something else. Islam is the Muslims problem and sadly I think we should let them reform or destroy their society completely, instead it looks like we'll attempt the job for them.

Garrisons guest says obviously there are some people that you just have to kill because they will keep attacking you otherwise and they will never surrender. Another man who won't be happy until everyone surrender and he has his way. I wonder if killing more people will

result in everyone surrender or will it create more killers? I don't know if these particular war proponents care because they know we have neutron bombs and a few people would like to use them and someday... and someday they will.

In 1947/48 it was possible to have a UN vote to just give a country to the people I don't know if that was because it was after World War II and things are being sliced up in Europe etc. elsewhere empire is being dislodge the chatter but in this day and age with the same thing the possible nowadays could we just give half of the country to a people who have a historic claim to it."

There are people who would say well we shouldn't do that they would be called liberals probably can serve it is the neocons and say well you're a lily livered if you say that we shouldn't be able to do things like that or they might say was perfectly justifiable at the time...

Things of changed in the Middle East just in the times that I've traveled there starting in 1974. After a number of decades during which the Middle East became a little more liberal and secular, the wars between Israel and the Arabs took their toll and a certain percentage of the people became more radicalized. I doubt the Arab and Muslim countries would have become liberal democracies or even if they have made major strides in that direction but they were making progress and that has been reversed at least partly because of the conflict with the west. Personal freedom which might have increased instead seems to have eroded as governments tried to reign-in jihadists. Whether Arab and other Muslim countries would have liberalized is an unknown, maybe they never would have but one thing is certain, as a whole they have not.

I'd be interested in learning more about the heritage of the Jewish people. Did they really come from Ur of the Chaldeans? Are they the same stock as the people there in ancient times or did they migrate from somewhere else" Being so exceptional I wonder where their journeys began what their origins were?

Chosen? Maybe. Exclusive club certainly. Extraordinary? Undoubtedly!

American foreign policy in fact Western farm policy for the last 2000 years has been based somewhat on what were either dreams or messages from God to the apostle John, the prophet Daniel and others who lived at least 2,000 years ago. John's Book of Revelation and Daniels prophecies maybemay be from God or they could be vivid dreams. In any case, the west has factored these into everything from middle age crusades to current wars of liberation.

Why do most Americans support Israel unconditionally I think it's because x% of Americans go to church regularly and xxx% of Americans call themselves Christians. Even the x% who rarely if ever go to church have heard from their more devout friends

and relatives that failure to support Israel will lead to them going to hell. Whether or not they believe that, they are at least influenced by that... as well as by what's actually happening in the Middle East, ie. the natives behaving very badly. Priests and pastors have been telling Christians these things for a long time and the message is presently irresistible... God only knows how this will play out and if the later parts of the Book of Revelation will reverse the Jews fortunes, per the Christians. Of course if what they preach is true we'd all be wise to abide by it and there is evidence to support the Jewish and Christian claims but in my opinion it's not solid enough to accept hook, line and sinker... but it's worth studying because sooner or later the fence will fall down. Meanwhile I'm in the minority and accept that the US will do what the majority wants...

The Patriarch Abraham in the Bible

Historians date Abraham's biblical story around 2000 B.C., based on clues in Genesis Chapters 11 through 25. Considered the first of the biblical patriarchs, Abraham's life history encompasses a journey starts that in a place called Ur. In Abraham's time, Ur was one of the great city-states in Sumer, a part of the Fertile Crescent located from the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Iraq to the Nile in Egypt. Historians call this era from 3000 to 2000 B.C. "the dawn of civilization" because it marks the earliest documented dates when people settled in communities and began such things as writing, agriculture and commerce.

Genesis 11:31 says that the patriarch's father, Terah, took his son (who was then called Abram before God renamed him Abraham) and their extended family out of a city called Ur of the Chaldeans. Archaeologists took this notation as something to investigate, because according to *The Biblical World: An Illustrated Atlas*, the Chaldeans were a tribe that didn't exist until somewhere around the sixth and fifth centuries B.C., nearly 1,500 years after Abraham is believed to have lived. Ur of the Chaldeans has been located not far from Haran, whose remnants are found today in southwestern Turkey.

The reference to the Chaldeans has led biblical historians to an interesting conclusion. The Chaldeans lived around the sixth-to-fifth century B.C., when Jewish scribes first wrote down the oral tradition of Abraham's story as they put together the Hebrew Bible. Therefore, since the oral tradition mentioned Ur as the starting point for Abraham and his family, historians think that it would have been logical for scribes to assume the name was tied to the same place they knew in their period, says *The Biblical World*.

However, archaeologists have uncovered evidence over the past several decades that sheds new light on the era of city-states which corresponds more closely to Abraham's time.

Clay tablets offer ancient data

Among these artifacts are some 20,000 clay tablets found deep inside in the ruins of the city of Mari in today's Syria. According to *The Biblical World*, Mari was located on the

Euphrates River some 30 miles north of the border between Syria and Iraq. In its time, Mari was a key center on the trade routes between Babylon, Egypt and Persia (today's Iran).

Mari was the capital of King Zimri-Lim in the 18th century B.C. until it was conquered and destroyed by King Hammurabi. In the late 20th century A.D., French archaeologists looking for Mari dug through centuries of sand to uncover Zimri-Lim's former palace. Deep within the ruins, they discovered tablets written in an ancient cuneiform script, one of the first forms of writing.

Some of the tablets have been dated back 200 years before Zimri-Lim's time, which would place them around the same time that the Bible says Abraham's family departed Ur. Information translated from the Mari tablets would seem to indicate that the Sumerian Ur, not Ur of the Chaldeans, is more likely the place where Abraham and his family started their journey.

Reasons for the Journey of Abraham in the Bible

Genesis 11:31-32 gives no indication why Abraham's father, Terah, would suddenly uproot his large extended family and head toward the city of Haran, which was some 500 miles north of the Sumerian Ur. However, the Mari tablets offer information about political and cultural strife around Abraham's time that scholars think offers clues to their migration.

The Biblical World notes that some of the Mari tablets use words from the Amorite tribes that are also found in Abraham's story, such as his father's name, Terah, and his brothers' names, Nahor and Haran (also ironically the name for their destination). From these artifacts and others, some scholars have concluded that Abraham's family may have been Amorites, a Semitic tribe that began to migrate out of Mesopotamia around 2100 B.C. The Amorites' migration destabilized Ur, which scholars estimate collapsed around 1900 B.C.

As a result of these findings, archaeologists now surmise that those who wanted to escape the era's civil strife had only one direction to go for safety: north. South of Mesopotamia was the sea known now as the Persian Gulf. Nothing but open desert lay to the west. To the east, refugees from Ur would have encountered Elamites, another tribal group from Persia whose influx also hastened Ur's downfall.

Thus archaeologists and biblical historians conclude that it would have been logical for Terah and his family to head north toward Haran to save their lives and livelihoods. Their migration was the first stage in the journey that led Terah's son, Abram, to become the patriarch Abraham whom God in Genesis 17:4 terms "the father of a multitude of nations."

Bible Texts Related to the Story of Abraham in the Bible:

Genesis 11:31-32: "Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran."

Genesis 17:1-4: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.' "

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/amen/a/122710-CW-Archaeological-Evidence-About-The-Story-Of-Abraham-In-The-Bible.htm>

The fact that the Islamic state is wrong about everything they're doing doesn't mean the Zionist state is right about everything it's doing but that's how we treat it...

So what do the American people want us to do in the Middle East? I'm guessing it's whatever the; churches, banks and industrialists tell us to do...

Funny how our strategy in the Middle East revolves so much around turning people against each other. We emphasize coalitions but it's not much different than using one Indian tribe to scout for us against another. It's the usual divide and conquer works darn good... at least for us.

I think the establishment of the state of Israel lit a fire under Christians who saw it as the fulfillment of prophecy and it lit a fire under Muslims who saw it as unjust. Christians and Muslims gradually became more fundamentalist as the stakes got higher. Now the two sides are at war and their populations are becoming more fundamentalist all the time. Progress in the direction of reason and peaceful coexistence that had been made over the last 600 years has largely eroded away. The problem is not however the Jews it is the power of organized religions in general and the lack of a wall between governments and religion. It may be impossible and maybe even undesirable to keep religion completely out of government but when religious cliques can maneuver the most powerful war machines the world has ever seen to do their bidding, it doesn't bode well for humanity.

Christians nations should offer Christians in Iraq and Syria refuge in freedom loving countries. While we're extracting them, we should take enough oil to compensate them for their lost property so they're not paupers in their new homes.

Then let the Muslims fight it out amongst themselves give none of them arms let them get arms from their other Muslim neighbors. Any Muslims that have left the U.S. who we suspect have become radicalized cannot come back unless they can prove at their own expense and after our most diligence investigative efforts that have not become radicalized. Meanwhile we control our borders to the greatest possible extent to avoid anybody getting in here illegally. This may be in line with what George would've done... just read his farewell address if you don't believe me.

The US Gen. said ISIS will never be defeated until its ideology is rejected. I doubt their ideology will be rejected until root causes of problems in the Middle East are addressed but the general probably disagrees and I don't expect root causes to be addressed in the least.

For every action there's an equal and opposite reaction that's been going on in the Middle East since at least 1948...

Regarding the conflict between the various warring parties I don't particularly have a dog in the fight. I think the US should stay out other than providing humanitarian relief or evacuating Christians if necessary and offering its services towards mediating peace. As far as supplying arms to either side I wish we wouldn't... obviously that's not going to happen!

I don't have a dog in the fight per se I think we should not give arms to anybody but humanitarian aid were needed and offered to take Christians out and give them sanctuary. Consider the same for other groups that can prove a record of protecting freedom of religion and minority groups from harm. Leave the groups that have no such record to fight it out amongst tsince that's what they are keen on doing anyway.

We support the use of disproportionate force in Gaza by the Israelis which we probably wouldn't support if this wasn't a religious war. Without the religious component to the Middle East conflict we might think twice about supporting some of the things Israel does in Gaza and the West Bank. We might also address the root causes of all the Middle East conflicts if it wasn't a religious war. It is Christians against Muslims and Americans have been directly or indirectly taught that their eternal salvation is at stake and only total support of Israel will get you to heaven. Later they'll be taught that only conversion of good Jews and rejection of the rest will get them there.

In the Middle EastsomeEast some parties don't know what they're doing or maybe none of them do.

I don't expect most Americans to admit we've made major mistakes in the Middle East, any more than I'd expect most; Iraqis, Palestinians or Israelis to admit they have. It's the nature of man to pin the blame on others.

Americans support Israel because they're Christian and the Bible tells them to support to and because the Palestinians use of terrorism. That has alienated millions of Americans who otherwise may have given them a break.

I've been opposed to interference in the Middle East for decades, thinking it would result in unintended consequences and was based on religious warring. That adventurism has contributed to terrible things and now the question is what should the U.S. do? We've made our bed and will have to sleep in it, which means we may be at the point where we have to do something severe, which is what the neocons have wanted all along. What the unintended consequences will be is anyone's guess. Maybe certain groups need to be ruthlessly crushed because their ideology and theology is so utterly sick but there will be a price and we should've never gotten involved in the first place... whenever that was.

The question as I see it is, were we not tough enough at the beginning? If we had just killed more of them as my friends say we should've done, would things now be under control? I think we'd have to turn the Middle East into a sea of glass as some friends suggest, in order to ever get it under control. So it probably doesn't matter if we were tough enough then or tough enough now. Since this is a religious war and we refuse to address what some see as the root problems, the only solution is to kill everybody in the Middle East or kill the majority as my friends would like to do. It's a very sick philosophy matched only by the sick philosophy on the other side. Eventually after turning the Middle East and do a sea of glass you may have to turn China and Russia and anybody else who you don't like into a mud puddles or whatever the equivalent degree of destruction would be.

The Israelis have great compassion for their children but not so much for Palestinian children who despite their so called "knock on the door" warnings have been killed by the hundreds each time Israel "mows the lawn." They have an Iron dome that could be used as insurance during a time of honest negotiations with the Palestinians but they seem to have no interest in returning what they have won through wars financed by the west and initially fought with hired fighter pilots and now fought with sophisticated weapons mostly purchased with financial wizardry and American taxpayer money.

American Christians seem to have little or no problem with our taxes and bombs killing the "heathens" but what would Jesus say? I don't know but the pastor on Sunday is strangely quiet or subtly in favor of anything Israel does...

Israel took Palestine in a semi or pseudo-miraculous manner, using western volunteer guns in the sky and maybe paid mercenaries to assist in their conquest. The Israeli claim to the land is based largely on religion which to my knowledge has not been a particularly effective legal basis elsewhere in the world.

If the Arabs ever prevail the Israelis may be repaid for their "benevolent treatment" of the Palestinians extreme prejudice as our general like to say... I hope that is avoided.

The evil Genie's out of the bottle, the hornets are swarming out of the nest and is horrific as a beheadings are, terrorists who replace the ones we kill may be an even angrier bunch of hornets. As horrific as beheadings are, they may pale in comparison to the WMD's they would like to use on us. As unpopular as it is to say, I think we're in their crosshairs because we've been stirring up nest since prior to 1948 but especially since then. We'd better hope we're on God's side because we may not have the means to survive, much less prevail without it.

Israel's done a nice job of making the desert bloom using relatively sustainable advanced techniques but in the long run is it really sustainable, or will future generations run out of groundwater and are they being fair with their neighbors regarding water from the Jordan River at Cetera?

Who would Jesus bomb? In Gaza the Israelis again bombed the hell out of the Palestinians in an offensive some of them called "mowing the lawn." They say it's necessary to periodically decimate Palestinian militants so they can't kill or injure Israelis. Hamas was reportedly hiding weapons in civilian areas and using civilians as human shields and that most likely is partly or completely true. It's also true that there are few un-populated areas in Gaza and if the Palestinians simply set their rockets up in those areas they would be decimated by Israel's powerful military which is largely financed and supplied by U.S. taxpayers.

Meanwhile the Palestinian rockets were almost completely ineffective against Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system which was developed with U.S. assistance and financing. Instead of turning the other cheek in the New Testament Way, Israel perhaps justifiably or at least predictably stuck to the Old Testament way and blew the hell out Gaza. Most American's seem to think Israel had the right to do this, despite the U.S. being mostly Christian and one would think New Testament leaning nation. Instead of taking the high road which their Iron Dome would have allowed them to do, Israel once again took the low road and used legalistic arguments to justify killing over 2,000 Palestinians, mostly civilians (including 495–578 children) while they lost five civilians. Israel is powerful and wants to demonstrate what they can and will do to those who oppose them and this may be working in the short run but if and when the sun sets at the hands of whoever, it may be a terrible day indeed.

"These are both something colonial (Rhodesia and Israel)"... Chaim Herzog?

Military Industrial complex (MIC)

"We're going to have to think our way through the future not bludgeon it"...General Martin Dempsey

General Dempsey still he seems to want us to follow the model of ancient Rome, to be the world's policeman and do whatever's necessary to get our way, at least that's impression I got from his comments before the he said the words in his quote. I agree we need to be so powerful that no one will mess with us but to constantly intervene overseas is a debatable strategy and seems to me to be more in line with promoting the wishes of special interest groups instead of the American people in general... of course I could be missing something.

We can make a bunker buster to kill people a thousand feet underground but we can't cure cancer... is it because it's harder to do or less important?

Our extraordinarily powerful military is supposed to be a deterrent but we use it constantly and have been at war in dozens of countries in recent decades. Does that mean that deterrence doesn't work? If we're going to have a deterrent we should let it deter and if deterrence doesn't work we should find another strategy. No one but Britain in its prime or Rome in its comes close to our adventurism aka policeman to the world.

Instead of an aggressive foreign-policy I'd prefer a nuclear deterrent that cannot be compromised by EMI, or any missile defense. That way we're more likely to be left alone and we can leave others alone. A lot fewer preemptive wars would be nice... "thou shalt not kill and all that."

Across the Middle East, throughout Africa and elsewhere there's a clandestine crusade where we send special ops to direct pinpoint strikes against terrorists via jets, drones and missiles. At the moment our level of boots on the ground is minimal but that might change if the neocons and crusaders get their way. My question is are we making things better or worse and is this really not a religious war as people like to say. If the west had not planted a colony (Chaim Herzog etc.) in the middle east would this chaos have happened and why is it that most of the cruel despots we've helped deposed have been replaced with even worse rulers? If I bring up the subject up in "polite company", I'm a traitor despite the fact that the founding fathers most likely wouldn't of gone for this even if they had the power to slay monsters abroad.

The problem with buying stock in a colony, company or anything else is that the controlling individuals or clique set the agenda and take you along for the ride. If you can sell at will for a profit, fine, but often you stuck supporting their agenda even if you don't like what's going on. We're told to invest in the great American companies which means in the military industrial complex and everybody from GM to Google is in that complex one way or another, or at least seem to share most of the same self-entitled, manifest destiny worldview. I don't know if that view's right nor wrong but what would the messianic religious figures of history that these same entrepreneurs tend to worship say? "Thou shalt not kill", is one commandment that through their surrogates our princely class has always violated with reckless abandon...

Deterrence only works for a limited amount of time eventually those you're trying to deter either become strong enough that you can no longer deter them or you have to preemptively cut off there. It's like any kind of Monopoly be at militaristic or mercantilist it has to be enforced work goes away any enforcement it's tricky at times yes indeed

It's critical to fight them over there instead of over here... which is also a good tag line for those who want perpetual war. The key, trick and challenge is "getting it right" so we don't fight them here nor engage in needless wars.

And as long as the perpetual war is kept at a low level, while bread and circus are maintained at a high level the people don't complain and that's what they're counting on.

"The company lost the war today"... Greenday

"Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city"... Proverbs 16:32

Offer up your best defense

But this is the end

This is the end of the innocence

"O' beautiful, for spacious skies,

But now those skies are threatening

They're beating plowshares into swords

For this tired old man that we elected king

Armchair warriors often fail

And we've been poisoned by these fairy tales

The lawyers clean up all details

Since daddy had to lie"... The Eagles

Militias

Miracles

"When I was a child

I caught a fleeting glimpse

Out of the corner of my eye.

I turned to look but it was gone

I cannot put my finger on it now

The child is grown,

The dream is gone.

I have become comfortably numb”... Pink Floyd

Supernatural, super-duper or super-duped... you be the judge.

Call it fate, serendipity, God’s hand, statistical chance, coincidence... you ask Jane if she’s heard from Joe and a second later the phone rings and it’s Joe. Or other examples of ESP, intuition, déjà vu, prayers being answered, etc. ... what’s going on?

Superposition in quantum physics... minute particles can be in more than one place at one time, hmm.

Moderation, Willpower and Delayed Gratification

Money and wealth...

"If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest”... Exodus 22:25

J.P Morgan said, “the market will fluctuate” which is basic good advice! It gives me hope that our assets will recover their value... the question is will it be in 5 years or 100... five would be much more useful!

The super-rich are demigods... and they employ demagogues to keep it that way.

There's a hundred ways to get rich and a hundred ways to stay poor... take your pick.

I should've listened to Goldman Sachs more often because they have the gift of financial prophecy which isn't surprising since they and their cronies control so much money. If you do listen to them be advised that they don't always want you to know what's going to

happen... at least not til they've lined their pockets at which time the jig is up and it's too late for anyone not in the know.

Anyway that's how I was feeling this morning. Then I saw "How it's Made" on pillows and the workers were mostly black and brown and the sophisticated machinery probably invented and built by whites and Asians. Everyone's making a living from the factory but at greatly different rates.

I'm not for passing massive wealth on to heirs, massive knowledge yes as long as it's not insider info. We should be able to show them how to succeed in the world, but no one should be given the world on a silver platter.

When you pay off your mortgage don't tell everyone, it's better for people think you owe then you own... get a secure line of credit and owe a few bucks.

Many people try to get rich quick because we're only on earth for a limited number of years and want some time to enjoy it but even if we lived a thousand years we'd be subject to the same foibles of human nature.

I'd rather not live in a society where money managers and social engineers reign supreme... but has it always been this way?

Americas likely someday to have a cataclysm between the rich and the poor, or maybe we will gradually reform... or the rich might keep paying half the poor to keep the other half in line. New societies should reform from the get-go...and avoid princely rulers, hereditary, ordained, or whatever.

Yes I think it's perverse that one person is born without a cent and somebody else is born worth billions. Societies should decide how much money should be allowed to be passed on to ones heirs. If it wants unlimited inheritances that's fine and if it decides that one million or 5 million is plenty that's fine too. The uber rich should be able to spend their billions because that creates jobs but passing it on to their children just creates a class of hereditary princes destined to rule the rest. And this perverseness is only possible because the masses have been convinced that someday they or their children can rule the roost and lord over their neighbors. This isn't a good commentary on human character but it's a good lesson on human nature.

Just as the children of the rich get richer each generation, the children of the poor tend to get poorer. Measures should be taken to rectify the situation in the forms of; inheritance limits, family planning etc. There shouldn't be verbatim income redistribution, there should be other means that require accountability by poor families who for generations have tended to fall into addiction and taken bad advice when it comes to money, education etc., and parented children they can't afford to raise. I realize it isn't all their fault but I

also believe it's somewhat their fault and IMO their responsibility, not the tax payers, although the tax payers have a vested interest in seeing the poor become more prosperous. On the other hand, the laws that the rich have lobbied for which usually benefit them, should face rollbacks in those areas but not be penalized for teaching their kids the value of education and hard work... which most of them try to do. There's nothing wrong with advantaging your kids from the fruit of your own labor but there's a lot wrong with rigging the system so that an entrenched princely class is established, entrenched and perpetuated, to the disadvantage of the average tax payer.

Why tell people you're fat... that just increases their appetite for your stuff.

Saw program last night on Althorp manor the ancestral home of the Spencer's of England. They used to have more than 100 servants and gardeners but now are down to only about 25 full-timers. Sometimes some workers still call the Spencer's Lords and Ladies. As an American I wonder why the people put up with this system but I understand that it's the British people's right to do so and it seems to be widely approved of. It's not like the English upper class is practicing barbarism and they see themselves as doing a useful job, so other than commenting on it I'll try to keep my nose out of it and say power to the people of England if that's what they want.

If the top 1% of the people in the world own xxx% of the world's wealth is it taboo to ask what percent of those people are Jewish? Therefore what percent of the world's wealth is owned by Jewish people, what percentage of the world's people are Jewish and does that make the Jewish people the 1% of 1%? Just wondering and I know that makes me an "anti-Semite" in most people's minds but I call it having an inquiring mind and trying to connect dots.

I think the Jewish people are extraordinary and that many of them are completely altruistic but altruism is in the eye of the beholder. I also think a lot of them are not remotely altruistic and instead are like many people of any religion/ethnicity somewhere on the spectrum of materialism, power hungry or promoting a selfish agenda. As a people they are highly influential in every group from communism to neo-conservatism. Some have made great contributions to humankind throughout history and IMO other have tried to manage humanity like goyum. People from many other religions/ethnicities have done the same thing but none that I know of have succeeded so well on a "per capita" basis.

While a great deal of it has been accomplished through extremely hard work and intellectual brilliance, IMO there's also been at least as much collusion, corruption etc. as with any other group that holds grand aspirations. Forgive me for going there but they seem to have attained and leveraged in a synergistic manner their high levels of influence over western society's; legal, financial, educational, religious, media and information institutions.

So many of the Jewish people's attempts to influence societies have met with an equal and opposite reaction by those they might affect negatively. That's lead to the rise of other fanatical religious groups with similar goals to dominate society or the world based on similar ideas about being anointed, chosen etc. by God. The Jews probably weren't the first to espouse this but they may have been the most eloquent at least until the Christians came along, upped the ante and proved even more persuasive. Once in power many Christians put a price on the Jews' heads and though this has subsided for the time being, some interpretations of the Book of Revelations indicate that in the future the Jew's will again be encourage to convert. I suppose it's not ironic that Christianity was originally a Jewish splinter group with aspirations even grander than their forefathers.

So when someone says, "let me tell you the story of my people", you may want to get a second opinion or take what they say with a grain of salt... but few seem to find that necessary.

Mother Nature

"Locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks"... Proverbs 30:27

Mother Nature's full of wondrous things and cruel tricks.

It's important that; sharks, lions, tigers and bear survive. It's less important that they survive in proximity to swimming areas and neighborhoods... they should be removed from such areas to safer places.

I disagree that when we enter the ocean we've entered the sharks domain and it's our problem if we're attacked. I believe people have dominion over the land and sea and should prevail over sea creatures, yet husband and preserve them.

I'm not sure about Jesus I don't know that I know him and he drives a hard bargain just like God and mother nature he says if you don't know I'm then he won't know you he'll spit you out of your lukewarm etc. etc. God Jesus mother nature they all drive a really hard bargain wow. I believe mother nature to be factual I see her work all around I believe God to be factual based on things and when I see around. With Jesus I think it's more speculative but he claims the same powers as God and even more the nature that's one scary God guy!

"A lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces"... Proverbs 30:28

Mighty Morels

Finding Morels is kind of like making a sale but even harder. You have to spend a lot of time prospecting etc. but there's more serendipity and even less of a guarantee that you're effort will pay off.

The 50 feet tree top hovered over-head supported by its broken trunk and a Rube Goldberg collection of saplings. If I moved the wrong way it could come crashing down...definitely a widow maker! So far all I've found is a deer skull but I'm listening to the experts who say you have to stay in the woods a long time and be determined!

Music

“Yo soy un hombre sincero, de donde crece la palma, Y antes de morir yo quiero cantar mis versos del alma (I'm a sincere man , I'm from where growing palm leaf...and before I die I want to sing my verses of my soul)”... Guantanamera

For some reason makes me think about; George W., Harry T. and the Godfather. They killed a lot of people and in the first two cases rightly or not we've justified it...but all three of them may have had children on their knees to whom they said “we were just protecting you.” Arguably those they destroyed had similar conversations with the children on their knees... man has been doing that since time immemorial.

I have poor man's Pandora installed in my car, it's called the scan button, its free and it's pretty darn random:)

If you're a head banger listen to a happy song now and then, it'll do wonders for your outlook on life:)

I've been using my poor man's Pandora (the scan button on the radio) driving for 10 minutes and hearing nothing of interest but as soon as I have to get out of the car a good song comes on...what's up with that?

This is a stereotype but there will be some truth to it... Country music glorifies drinking and rock 'n roll glorifies drug use. Even though both occur in both genres and somehow great music's produced in both despite these excesses!

Purple haze comes on and it's a real good song and maybe even a great song but I think Hendrix's reputation as the greatest rock guitar player is political correctness left over from the 60s and adapted by this generation which is at least as PC as previous ones.

“And the press still hounded you all they had to say was that Marilyn was found in the nude”...Elton John (Bernie Taupin?) Marilyn probably knew she'd be found in the nude and maybe wanted to be, she was a master orchestrator and though they hounded her they also made her a goddess of sorts=

Near Death and Death

“All's well that ends well”... Shakespeare

And then somewhere along the line we die... koe

“Even a skeleton cries out of yearning for the homeland”...Korean proverb

As far as the afterlife I'm more impressed with the similarity of near death experiences across different religions that I am with the different religions' claims to exclusiveness when it comes to the afterlife etc.

If there is an afterlife beyond the near-death experience then Jesus truly is the gold standard and we should give everything to the poor and let them sort things out. Hopefully they will do so and the meek will inherit the earth. Those who so generously give to them and live a Christ-like life will assumedly be rewarded in heaven for their faith. Meanwhile but that is also a little cenacle because man's record is if they will screw up here on earth now if there is not something beyond the near-death experience and all bets are off and we

Good people can surrender, give away the farm and go joyfully to their eternal reward but I thought God wants his people to be fruitful, multiply and perhaps stand up for what they believe in... I don't think giving away the farm is the answer, but do what you want.

In the long run we're all dead or in some cases wish we were...

Life's like a vapor but many believe there's something else that comes after it. For those who have all the proof they need, I fantastic but a little more evidence would be nice especially since so much of the anecdotal evidence comes from possible charlatans.

When the big one strikes and I do my Fred Sanford, “Elizabeth this is a big one” routine, will I be thinking about, my loved ones or that big meal I was looking forward to? I think it will be my loved ones but the meal might flash through my head too :)

I agree Jesus is the gold standard and if everybody did what he said as far as moral living, giving to the poor, turning the other cheek and forgiving, “not just seven times, but seventy times seven”(or seventy-seven times according to some versions) Matthew 18:22 this would be a much better world. I also stand with those who for thousands of years have questioned things in the Bible that don't make sense to them and I stand with people who have questioned churchmen and royalty who claim to derive authority from God but who have abused their power to no end.

It's always something then you die, but people say you're problems are only just beginning unless you joined the club!

It's always something is better than it's never anything :)

I guess it should be no surprise that by the time we figure out it's too late... it's too late.

I think there's a lot of evidence for near-death experiences but I think there's much less for what happens ultimately does that near-death experience lead to an afterlife or do we gradually played out the lights go away etc. etc. religion has always told us there is more to it science says the jury's still out. As I record this in the background I'm hearing a preacher on TV saying the worst thing that can happen to you is to die without Jesus excepting Jesus Christ because it's in a turn on the steak and I sure don't want to make that but I'm willing to trust people other than him Galileo, Copernicus, Franklin, Jefferson the gnostics etc., etc. In addition I respect and stand with hundreds and thousands of people living in the past and today that seek the truth and don't have blind faith in superstitious mythology and warmongers. There are all kinds of people on that side of the debate as well as science and rationality. On the other side are the Constantine Christians who's emperor was not just violent but possibly hyper violent and possibly always a Mithras cultist He's been followed by lots of scare mongering profiteers with blood on their hands and threatening messages emitting from their mouths.

When we die do we go somewhere or do we just disappear fade away and stop helping some people and annoying others as were laying there on the gurney and their Wheeling us to the hospital we must be thinking about a lot of things What will you be thinking about?

Do you have to believe in an afterlife to have an afterlife? Some religions say yes and often say you have to believe in it per their exact teachings to experience it. Some of them say tht if don't believe their exact teachings, not only will you not experience a glorious afterlife, you will instead face eternal punishment. Is it ridiculous to speculate that if there's an afterlife, there's an afterlife and if there isn't, there isn't? Near death experiences offer a little bit of evidence that there may be an afterlife and it doesn't matter what you've been taught.

Years ago she said bats are evil, now she's decided or learned that maybe they're just creepy but not evil since they eat mosquitos. As far a near death experiences, if someone a non-Christian religious figure then it could mean that Satan is using the experience as some sort of deception. Of course if you see Jesus then everything's honky dory.

Based on near-death experiences that people from many different religions have had I hope pray and believe that there is an afterlife. There are reasonably well documented cases of people hovering high enough over their bodies to see things that couldn't be seen from where they were laying. Where I differ from religionist's is in thinking that an after-life might be a universal human phenomenon everyone will experience whether or not they have jumped on one religious bandwagon or another. It seems to me that the different religions have and are still trying to; claim, patent and copyright the afterlife...but based

on evidence that people from all religions and cultures have very similar near death experiences, why believe that you have to choose one brand of religion over another?

"The dead can't take it with them, the living see to that"...John Appleby

"When my eyes shall close in death,

When I rise to worlds unknown,

And behold Thee on Thy throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee"... Augustus M. Toplady

New World Order

The New World Order wants to reduce your choices to two and then to one, which means none. You don't have to go along with it as long as you're a poodle. Your choices won't be like things like what you can believe, they will be should my phone be an Apple or a Samsung? You can still be a; Christian, Jew, Muslim or any other religion as long as what you actually worship is consumerism and the dominant culture. Real Christians, Jews and Muslims will be replaced by the easy to sneak up on "reservation variety"... ask the Indians if you don't get it. Only lapdogs will be allowed and for better or worse Pit Bulls will no longer bite, they'll just wag their tails. Lions and tigers and bears will live on reservations and wolves will wear sheep's clothing.

We'll still watch all the TV stations; CNN, CBS, FOX, BBC, Al-Jazeera and China central TV but they'll all report the same news and their pesky local biases will conveniently go away...at least that's what our masters want.

A Super Power can impose its will on other nations with its massive military machine and justifies itself by saying it's protecting the interests of its people. Meanwhile the people may have been manipulated into believing that their interests are the same as those of elitist clique that runs the country...chances are their interests are quite different.

As much as possible decisions should be made by; individuals, families, communities, state's and sovereign nations – not by; super-powers, a New World Order or a one world government.

Different side should be able to do things different ways but the world order doesn't want them to it wants to tell everyone what to do. They don't just want to tell you that you can't go around killing people are abusing people they want to tell you much more than that they want to tell you how taxes are to be spent and that's where I have a problem that's where I say you should have the right to emigrate and they'll say yes you have that right yet they control the banking system and can still make you do things their way means if they say be friendly to this group or an unfriendly to that group you must comply and it no longer becomes a matter of you can't go around chopping off hand it becomes a matter of you got to perform this service for that person and not that's and not fly this flag etc. etc. and unfortunately they mean to do this eventually throughout the universe but for starters the dude in the US then the planet earth. So is someone who likes to be proactive and plan ahead I'm planning to get the heck out of here of course I'n jumping the gun a bit since I'm born too early for this to affect me but it may affect you

Sent from my iPhone

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As much as possible, I'm for; individual choice, family values, community standards, state's rights and sovereign nations. In other words I'm against the super-state, the New World Order and one world government.

If you're going to be the world's policeman your country has to accept certain things like glorifying violence more than most nations do. That will have repercussions on your entire society in areas like crime and punishment domestically... both of which to put it mildly are at high rates.

News

NO! (Just say...)

Nukes

Obligations, Favors and Gratitude

Oil

Opinions

Opportunity

Order... Chaos?

“The Lord works out everything to its proper end— even the wicked for a day of disaster”... Proverbs 16:4

There is order in the universe in the form of laws of nature, physics etc. there's also disorder in the universe as exhibited by; entropy, rust and decay. These were explained by the ancients as being the work of God and the devil... which also cannot be ruled out.

I go back-and-forth between the dog house and the cat bird seat with regularity, almost like clockwork and I don't mean just vis-à-vis my wife I mean vis-à-vis my life.

The pendulums got a ways to go before it start swinging back... look out.

The established order is almost always wrong the impending order is almost always worse.

“Ice is forming on the tips of my wings, Unheeded warnings, I thought I'd thought of everything... tongue-tied and twisted just an earthbound misfit”... Pink Floyd

Oxymorons and Gobbledygook

Rental floss

A respectable bribe

Paranormal

Another thing that gets me is that when something fantastical happens you can't gods hand I want to happen to somebody from a different background you say it's a tannic there's

power you say but it's only good power when it happens I want to hear people who are a member of your pulp=

To me these things seem like evidence that there is a supernatural that there are probably other dimensions and they're very potter probably is an afterlife but they are not evidence in my mind that you guys on the patent on all this more than anybody ever has or ever will. And those who claimed on it are you there opportunists or in some cases good people but perhaps mistaken

Parents

I know you're trying to get your house in order but don't wait forever. Get back on the horse. You'll probably make pretty good parents but be imperfect... like the rest of us:)

Pascal's Wager

Although my faith waivers and my questions are unanswered, I think I will accept Paschal's choice. I don't understand everything in the Bible and admit to a few doubts, it looks to me that via supernatural forces, quantum physics or whatever, the prophets may have seen the future. I don't know why things are turning out this way but think they are likely to/may turn out as prophesized in the Bible. I am accepting the Nicean creed although I find it baffling...hold everything! It's a couple weeks later and I am amending what I said... I accept Pascal's Wager regarding God but not to organized Christianity...

What it boils down to is I'm accepting Paschal 's choice and I'm pleased to do so but not proud that my faith is so weak that this is the only way I can accept the Nicean Creed.

Another reason I'm excepting Paschal's choice is it seems Christianity allows for freedom of religion at least at this point in time more than most of the other major religions. It doesn't let you off the hook but it hasn't cut off heads for a long time either.

Many will say the Pascal's choice way is light-weight and illegit. Many will say no it's a copout, not good enough and that you have to do it their way or at least this way, or that way... what a surprise!

I would have to agree that accepting Pascal's choice out of convenience is one thing but if one has thought long and hard before accepting it, maybe it's another.

I wonder if the average Christian isn't someone who has just excepted Pascal's choice? The more fundamentalist they are the more extremely they've decided to override their natural rationality. That could be an entirely wrong conclusion though since Pascal's

choice is in a sense quite rational and the more fundamentalist one becomes, the more his/her new reality replaced the old so called rational one. Everyone has their own grip on reality and what seems irrational to one person is rational to another... we tend to elevate our own and denigrate other's through the process of judgment.

Patriotism

Loyalty to those who would spend you like a dollar or use you like a tool for their purposes is foolishness. They have convinced you that they are the patriots, the noblemen, the favored and the righteous but beware they are usually scoundrels, deadbeats and vermin.

Drunkenness has national holidays, patriotic calls to arms, traditions etc. all intended to legitimize and pass itself on to the next generation. If not for a revolution every 20 years it would have all of us under its spell!

Whether it's the patriot act or the government collecting information from Google and Yahoo it's just looking at how the sausage is made. The bigger issue is that prophecy is being fulfilled and the bigger question is, is it a self-full-filling prophecy created by men or is it the hand and the will of God?

If we are going to police the world and slay monsters we will need the Patriot Act NSA and gradually even much more. If we gradually reduce our policing and monster slaying we will eventually need less. How much policing in monster mashing we do should be up to the American people not special interest groups unless they are led by the American people and not the other way around. I'm reminded of Captain Red Legs, "there's no end to doing good." He was right in principal but not in practice.

Peace

"He is a brother to me and he is at peace with me; and I am a brother to him and I am forever at peace with him...we are united and a bond of fraternity already exists among us and of peace, and it is better than the bond of fraternity and of peace that existed between the country of Egypt and the country of Hatti"... Ramses II

This is another instance of where I find it funny that this chapter follows the preceding on patriotism...

So many of our actions are based on us being shamed or guilted it into things. I think that's way overblown and though it might be important on rare occasions in order to keep the peace, it's mostly used to keep us in line.

Should the United States guarantee other countries right to exist? Well everybody has a right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness and how we pursue it leads to consequences we must deal with. So pursue life liberty and the pursuit of happiness as you will and realize there will be consequences whether you're an individual or a nation.

It seems to me if men and women can get along, then Christians, Jews and Arabs; Russians and Americans, Chinese and Japanese etc. have a chance too as well... maybe they just need to get married.

Apparently there's no money in peace... How many headless bodies were recovered from the rubble of the latest Gaza bombings? Addressing and finding solutions to the root causes of the Middle East conflict? I'm told it's un-American to say there are root causes other than Arab and Muslim extremism and that the solution is screw them...hmmm WWJB?

As far as the history of the conflict there are obviously two sides to the coin but we've nailed ours to the cross so we can only see ours? Meanwhile we facilitated the state's creation, armed and resupplied it's every request and mostly identified with only one side. After all, Christians go to hell if they don't support everything Israel wants to do... as least for the time being, later they may be in the cross-hairs.

I hope everybody does well, because when everybody's does well we're less likely to be fighting each other. Also I don't like to refer to people as enemies because that makes conflict almost a done deal. If possible the harshest word I'd like to use is adversaries because then at least there's hope. Caveat emptor I don't believe in giving away the farm or and being PC or getting spanked... and therein lies the rub.

Peer Pressure

“That same old crowd was like a cold dark cloud that we could never rise above”... The Eagles

Ashamed, guilty or stupid is how we're made to feel about doing our own thing... nice try PTB:)

Whether right wing or left, people rant and rave because it feels good and it's part of the whole mob mentality thing. We feel powerful and get high from doing it... especially when the people around us go, “yeah, yeah, yeah!”

Sure I let the bastards get me down but usually just a bit:)

If you're getting your marching orders or moral compass from a talk show host you're almost certainly making a mistake. They're concerned about ratings, money and ideology but not about you. Most haven't done a day of physical labor in their life yet working Joe's are attracted to them by the millions!

I'm supposed to hate Al Jazeera TV but I don't, I'm also supposed to hate the new England patriots and Tom Brady I don't hate them either... is there something wrong with me?

Ostracizing, internet bullying, shunning, ignoring and the cold shoulder are examples of how winners treat losers who they deem to be; unworthy, ugly, nerds, uncool or whatever. These fall short of physical bullying but they're used to keep undesirable in line and to maintain the status quo. These are forms of pressure related to the human desire to dominate others and be "winners."

On Fox they're talking about the coach who might get in trouble for praying on the field and allowing his team to join him. Their all for him and say what's wrong with praying when other coaches are cussing up a storm. Meanwhile on CNN they're talking about the death of Michael Deng at Baruch College after receiving a fatal head injury and massive bruises to his body after a hazing incident about two years ago. Prosecutors in Pennsylvania say they will charge five Pi Delta Psi fraternity brothers with third-degree murder in the case. Hopefully the praying coach wouldn't allow hazing to go on but I wonder if players have a better chance to get ahead if they join the prayer circle? Maybe not because winning isn't everything, it's the only thing and the coach is assumedly an honorable man. You may see no connection but to me what the fraternity did to Michael Dent is something that can happen when you create a cadre of people who not only are on the same sports team but also demonstrably on the same "bigger team", whether it be Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim etc. He's creating an element of powerful peer pressure even if he doesn't ask the players to join him. The fact is that those who join him are likely to form a closer bond with him and each other and non-Christian players are either left out or pressured to join in whether they want to or not. If they don't they may be considered and treated like outsiders, leading to discrimination, shunning or whatever.

You can't please everyone, we can't even please ourselves all the time, so balance is the key. I can't keep this family member, that acquaintance and yonder official happy but I don't want to say the heck with them either. So I try to take into consideration what they think and say but like Otis, "I can't do what 10 people tell me to do..."

I was find it interesting so many people judged you by how many dandelions are on your lawn or the closeness of your shave... are these really good indicators?

Watch kids on the playground and you'll probably see weak kids harassed by strong kids and some strong kids protecting the weak... it's no different than adults and nations.

I've never met a person or heard of a country that under the "right circumstances" does not become a bully at least for a while. The "right circumstances" usually involve; recognizing an opportunity, realizing they're stronger than someone else, rationalizing they're in the right, deciding to take advantage of that position of strength and acting on it... ie. power corrupts and both the strong and the meek intend to inherit the world.

There are people, in fact quite a few who will never accept or even tolerate your worldview or opinion and will demand explanations which they'll never accept. You can't get it right, you're damned if you do, damned if you don't and they'll always consider you a major part of the problems of the world. They'll demand; accountability, satisfaction, retribution or punishment. The only thing to do is gird your loins and watch your back. But don't let them get you down because there are probably as few people who think you're the cat's meow! Most people are somewhere in between so try to coexist with all types, do your best to get along but be wary.

A new buzzword is disruptors. They disrupt the status quo, which can be good or bad depending on which end of the stick you're holding.

How dare you think for yourself :)

"Everything that kills me makes me feel alive"... One Republic

"And I don't give a damn bout my bad reputation!"...Joan Jett and the Black Hearts

Philosophy

Platform

Police

The pundit said, "the Ferguson shooting might not of been a good shoot, but it was far from criminal." The lesson I take away is, if your great big man you'd better comply with the police. Obviously a lot of people see it differently.

Call me nuts but I think our military and police should be controlling our borders and making war on criminals and street gangs instead of traveling the world potentially making other people's problems and ours worse. Apparently traveling the world slaying monsters

is what we're supposed to do but I think stirring other people's hornet's nests may do little to help then and the chickens that come here to roost will be a very nasty variety.

Political Correctness

"In fact, between 1876 and 2013, there were fewer than 300 total confirmed shark attacks in the entire world, with less than half of those being fatal"... AOL newsfeed 7.17.15. Isn't that interesting, I thought that in one incident alone, when the USS Indianapolis sank in 1945 up to 583 men may have been eaten by sharks, many of them directly killed by the sharks. I don't advocate killing sharks for the heck of it but I sure as heck think we should kill them when they threaten people. All this business about the ocean being their home and it's our problem if we get killed when we enter it is BS... we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness anywhere on the planet, ocean or space.

The United States could control Ebola except for all the political correctness thanks for the likes of Jesse Jackson et al. Thomas Duncan probably lied to get treatment in the U.S. yet his family may sue American interests for various trumped up allegations. IMO they should be on the back next plane back to Liberia along with Jessie Jackson.

Married with Children, King of Queens , Two and a Half Men and so many other TV shows humorously revolve around the battle of the sexes but we're not supposed to acknowledge the seriousness of it... that wouldn't be PC.

Politics

"The democrat party is an alliance between the subsidized poor and the privileged rich"...Dr. Victor Davis Hanson

"Washington's like a strip club, you have people throwing money and people doing a dance"... Mike Huckabee

Politicians are scoundrels by nature the only difference is their degree of scoundrility.

My problem with many right wing shows and commentators is that they go too far. I agree with there's a left-wing slant in the media but I think the right overcompensates. Yes they're entitled to overcompensate but they do it the extent that it may amount to shooting their own feet.

Trump? Anyone who says "absolutely" and "tremendous" as often as him is probably a huckster, not to mention wanting to invade the Middle East and take their oil in payment

for all we've done for them. IMO there are numerous that he's unethical but when it comes to immigration I mostly agree. In a nutshell I'm wary but I wouldn't dismiss him.

"Everybody exaggerates and I do a little bit"... Donald Trump

Poverty

"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a bandit"... Proverbs 6:10

"There but for fortune go you and I"... Peter Paul and Mary. There's a lot of truth to that but it's not an absolute by any stretch of the imagination...

Funny how the chapter on power comes after the one on politics and before the one on power...

We can and should try to imagine walking in someone else's shoes but in the end we should mostly help others to help themselves but not bankrupt ourselves in the process or give away the farm unless we want to. Others shouldn't be able to force us to do that whether they're experts or the needy.

Most of those who want so badly to "level the playing field" live on mountains. If they have to give up a little, at worst they'll end up on hilltops. Middle class tax payers who will have to bear the brunt of these elitist schemes are often struggling to live on level ground and will end up in the hole. If the PTB want to help people who are currently in holes, let them do that with their money not OPM and I encourage them to do it through education and equal opportunity not welfare. Let the poor have a free high school education and a pathway to college or tech school, and those who take advantage of it will get ahead, those who make poor choices will not. Poverty and poor decision making are age old problems that can be greatly reduced but mostly through education, skills and listening to good advice instead of following bad examples. Those who do the latter should not get rewarded in the form of government checks, they should have the opportunity to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and not take shirts off other peoples backs. Spend more on drug interdiction and rehabilitation and less on incarceration and bombing people overseas. Use our trillions to cure 100 diseases, not on bases and bombers in 100 different countries. Our exports should be food and medicine not bombs and ideology. Our belief system will prevail if our actions warrant them to.

Maybe it all just boils down to what Meyer Rothschild said and to claiming the impossible.

Logic be damned...you've terrified most people and bought off the rest...

Poverty = refusal or inability to; study, learn skills, acquire a degree or marketable skills, apply them, diligently seek work, then show up and perform. Success is just the opposite and excuses are almost always just that excuses. Factory automation is a major reason for lack of factory jobs and if it's okay for us to set up factories overseas it should be okay for other countries to build factories here.

I agree that Jesus is the gold standard on how to treat the poor but still think we should have the right to decide to whom we want to give charity to. Those who want to give money to everyone have the right to but shouldn't impose their form of charitable giving on tax payers. The rest of us should have the right to; avoid, give less to, or give education and treatment to those we think are gaming the system. Granted only God knows for sure who's doing what but he may not make that information readily available. This being the case, taxpayers should have the right to make that determination to a considerable extent instead of having it made for us by those who would impose on others, their values and tax policies.

I suppose I should ignore the fact that those who say, "give it all to the poor", are usually talking about OPM. When they do give to charities, they like most people handpick which poor folks they want to help and which poor folks will end up as collateral damage in our perpetual wars. I Should follow the help the poor teachings of Jesus and others but I don't think I should stick my head in the sand...

Children of scofflaws shouldn't be punished but their parent should. There are enough resources in the world to take care of these children nicely but their parents need to be held responsible and the system needs to be reformed. Eventually there may not be adequate resources for scofflaw's kids and others are already suffering on their account!

Funny how these 86 Street and Michigan Road panhandlers only come out when the weathers decent it's been a little rainy today and I don't see any of the gang... Nice gig! Oh wait there is one guy out there... is he the one with the strongest work ethic:)

From the down and out to the high and mighty they seem to think I owe them something. Why would I want to deal with people like that? Especially after years of negative experiences... uh oh, there I go again.

Apparently most Americans think that 250 years of slavery should be repaid with 250 years of free lunches, welfare and affirmative action. That may be logical or it may be ridiculous and since I think it's number two I'm lobbying for no more free lunches, just equal opportunity or a ticket.

When people have three, five or 10 kids they can't afford to raise society steps in to raise them and such children tend to have more issues than children raised by responsible parents who pay for their rearing themselves. Meanwhile people who can barely afford to

raise their own two or three kids are forced to finance the rearing of irresponsible parents. There are men who have fathered 35 with a dozen women but pay little or nothing for their upbringing...is it me or is there something wrong with this picture? They need to be forced (yes I said forced) to work the long hours necessary to raise those kids, be it by pushing a broom, digging ditches or professional work if they can do it. The days of heavily taxing responsible people and the social services safety net to benefit scoundrels should be over!

In my opinion we have to pull ourselves up for a bootstraps and save ourselves, instead of relying on taxpayers to do it. It's noble and fine to help people help themselves and giving them the shirt off your back and your jacket etc. is the gold standard. Jesus didn't tell us to question the recipient's motives or abilities, so I suppose we shouldn't but he also told sinners to go and sin no more. With that admonition in mind and common sense, society should make practicality and long term recovery of those in need significant factors when it comes to aiding those in need. Surely with God's help or even with their own greater effort able bodied people can earn a living, especially if we crush the earthly self-appointed princes who demand middle class tax dollars for the social-engineering schemes that make them richer and the poor even poorer. We need supernatural or superhuman efforts to solve our problems and both are probably available but they need to be utilized on an individual and societal level... deciding to take the steps required to succeed is the hard part. Society should make opportunity available and people responsible, from the men who sweet talk a woman's legs apart, the woman who falls for his BS or who wants the resulting welfare benefits and ultimately/sadly the children they make but do not pay for.,

commands of us and that's the question I can't answer but it is likely that he demands of us things that aren't always practical because we can't rely on his help but these problems need either supernatural or super human help and we're getting neither that I can tell there certainly hasn't been super human effort to solve these problems

I want everyone to do well! It's hard enough having friends and relatives who need help from time to time. I wouldn't want to be surrounded by needy, destitute friends and relatives... that's a recipe for disaster. It's better to be surrounded by people who are prospering... they're less likely to steal your chickens or slit your throat.

"Dealing in multiplication still can't feed everyone"... Eddy Grant, I don't care that you want the village to raise your kids. What I don't like is when you come to our village and demand that we feed your kids...that's a new math I don't like. You see, I'm not great at math but know we can't afford to feed someone who has 36 kids... nor do I think it's our responsibility. I've also know enough about exponential growth to know that if someone has 36 kids and his 36 kids have 36 kids we'll all be out of business.

There are many thousands of good paying jobs available for people who didn't devote their school days to foolishness... Don't blame others for your woes if you studied hip hop and

basketball instead of math and science. As for the tax payers, wise up and stop supporting their habits.

In theory I believe that everybody should who has children should pay to raise them themselves. Society should not foot the bill but since society allow some people to have 20 or 30 kids at the cost of other tax payers, I think other people should take advantage of it too in order to break the system so that it will eventually be fixed. During this broken phase the men fathering 20 or more kids at society's expense will replace responsible taxpayers. So let's all take advantage of this glitch until it breaks the system's back and then finally repair it... or better yet fix the system now!

Go ahead and fifer that foreign countries want to call your money with you if you want but leave the taxpayers money alone.

To you who would redistribute money because it's the right thing to do per your moral or religious views, I say it would be one thing if you ended up poorer like the middle class who bears the burden of your agenda but you seem to end up richer... hmm. You help some people with your redistribution schemes but you've also pushed taxpayers who were living on the edge into poverty and made millions more dependent on government handouts than ever... is that the plan?

The problem with the white guilt give away the farm crowd is they either have so many farms that they don't mind giving one away or they have none at all and just want to give away someone else's.

Regarding the powerful we hear, "he/she doesn't suffer fools", well we all suffer fools sometimes day in and day out it's just a part of Life and really not that big a deal... in fact those who don't suffer fools are themselves often insufferable fools :).

We don't have many children partly because we can't afford to raise him mostly because were paying taxes to raise other people's children who are having more than they can afford to pay erase I would like to have three or four children it's my own fault that I didn't but part of the reason we didn't was that the cost of raising them was a lot and we were convinced to some extent about zero population growth but the people whose children were raising or paying the rays don't feel bad about zero don't care about zero population growth what they care about is taking over

Well I don't know if they're really trying to take over but anyway they're not too concerned about resources zero population growth or paying their own way are paying the way of their children and I'm a bad person for even mentioning all this right

There is incredible income inequality in the USA but the solution isn't redistribution it's preventing the rich from; manipulating markets, boards of directors from voting for

incredible salaries and stopping millionaires and billionaires from controlling the government, media and courts.

When Jesus said sell everything and give the money to the poor did he know that they would likely squander it and it would revert to its former owners? Meanwhile since it's better to give than receive wouldn't the rich feel good about what they'd done? Just a thought and some generalizations.

Giving everything you have to the poor "may" have been a revolutionary idea but whether or not it's wise is debatable. Giving someone the shirt off your back makes some sense but extending that to giving that person your coat, pants, shoes, etc., etc. sounds like hyperbole to me. It's a good way to make a point but no way to run society. By all means "pay it forward" if you want to, that helps others without putting you in the poor house. On the other hand emptying the poor house of the poor and replacing them with hard working middle class taxpayers makes no more sense than emptying asylums of the mentally ill, letting them "run the asylum"...that's no way to run an airline:)

Level the playing field and eliminate inequalities but giving everything you have to the poor or letting the lunatics run the asylum...I don't think so

"He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished"...Proverbs 17:5

"Got to find a reason, a reason things went wrong, Got to find a reason why my money's all gone"... Sublime

"Laziness brings on deep sleep and the shiftless man goes hungry"... Proverbs 19:15

Power

"A piece of paper has very little power to keep people apart much less hold them together"...Joseph Stalin

It doesn't take long for a group to go from "we're more successful than others" to "we're superior to others."

There are a lot more type B's than type A's but type A's rule the world. It's more complicated than that but Siri won't let me explain... :)

A problem in human society has always been that those not in power have to acquiesce to the beliefs of those in power. Otherwise they're culled from the herd, banished, or

subjugated. With space being limitless in 100 years people may emigrate there and more realistically and live the way they want.

Power corrupts and that include religions, cults... whatever. The more powerful they become the more corrupt they are. Even Pontius Pilate was able to articulate the question, “what is the truth” and many others before and after have asked the same question when confronted with people who proclaim “absolute truths.” Other than rape, murder, mayhem and the like, the question of what is exactly true, or exactly what’s good and what’s bad is arguably debatable. Throughout history people have wondered about these things but been accused of heresy, devil worship etc. for asking that question and not accepting the dominant paradigm’s answer. Thomas wanted to see the holes in Jesus’ wrist and was reprimanded, but Jesus still is said to have shown him the holes. If a religion, paradigm or cult has nothing to hide, it should address questions instead of “throwing the book” at people. Instead they make movies about people claiming to having visited heaven and other incredible but unsubstantiated claims, some of which are later recanted. Jesus may very well have been resurrected and Mohammed may have ascended to heaven on a white horse or but there’s scant proof offered other than the words of followers and the threats that skeptics are and will be; dead, damned, lead meaningless lives etc. I think such tactics are wrong-headed and just plain wrong.

Power empowers and of course it corrupts...those who gain it pursue their agenda and forget what it was like before they took power... like the meek who inherit the earth they become as tyrannical as their predecessors.

There are some people who think you owe them a living and others who think “what’s yours is theirs.” In the first case I'm thinking of part of the welfare population and in the second case I'm thinking of imperialistic nations as well as thieves, socialists and progressives who want to take from one and give another or to themselves.

Geopolitics and power is all about those in power insisting and enforcing that things be done their way. Great cities are rising in developing countries built by new PTB's but old PTB's are quite willing to bring down the new towers of power so that they will not lose their supremacy.

There are so many countries and peoples out there that shouldn't be messed with that it isn't even funny but mess we do and mess they do and mess everyone does...hmmm.

Of course ISIS is horrible and Chinese ideology isn't very good but ours isn't as wonderful as we make it out to be. We've set the bar so low that we look pretty good and we're taught to believe that our religion and ideology is superior to all others.

We try to rule others in the name of self-determination for ourselves but is it really necessary to rule and/or ruin other people's lives to have control over our own?

America is controlled by 1% of the 1% and that same clique wants to control the entire world. Meanwhile in England China Russia Saudi Arabia Israel etc. there's another one percent of 1% who wants to control the world... that's not good either.

We've largely abandoned the good things the founding fathers stood for and embraced their failings. Our government's policies have been hijacked by provincial zealots who know little if anything about the rest of the world. All they know is that they know everything and that everybody doesn't agree is going to hell. They believe they completely own the moral ground and that we have no responsibility for the mess the world's in.

Our actions in the Middle East especially have led to equal and opposite reactions that we could not foresee due to our belief that we're; morally, physically and mentally superior to all comers. We abuse the United Nations as much as any other nation does, occasionally embracing what it does and frequently vetoing anything we don't.

When we leave Afghanistan like when we left Iraq and things fall apart we will blame it on them and say we were victorious as always. We'll point to things like the surge and take full credit just like we do in Vietnam but the world knows the truth.

When any group be they; Muslims, Christians, Jews, Communists, Hindus, Democrats, Republicans or whatever think they're anointed, selected or chosen to rule us, then Houston we got a problem! If anyone wants to do more than govern per the will of the people they are in the wrong and must be stopped. Government should be for the people by the people and it should be as local as possible. This doesn't preclude a strong central government but does preclude a super state that stomps on the people's rights and rules via an all-powerful clique instead of governs via a legislature of the people.

In a horrific attack two or three Palestinians used axes to kill several rabbis in a Jerusalem synagogue. They were rightly condemned and of course called beasts etc. for using axes in the attack. As far as I know Palestinians do not have Second Amendment rights while Israelis are allowed to own semi if not fully automatic weapons. The Palestinians are also criticized for fighting in the streets instead of meeting the Israelis on the field of battle. This is odd considering that the U.S.A. sells or gives the Israelis the most sophisticated tanks and planes in the world while the Palestinians fight with everything from stones to relatively crude missiles. It's like Rothschild said, "give me control of a nation's money and I care not who makes its laws." Whether it's the U.S. government or the United Nations it's money that decides what's right and without an iron clad constitution preventing money from ruling, neither a nation of people or a planet of nations can be protected from those who "make the laws." Individuals are never protected by a majority vote because those can be bought by; money, force or fanaticism.

Related to Mayer's quote about a nation's money is that whoever manages to be the police and military's paymaster really has things wrapped things up!

She was wearing her powerful, "I get what I want shoes", that looked something in between what the Pilgrims wore and what the witch of the west wore... they were designed to make a statement!

There are people who from an early age work hard to achieve power, wealth and influence and there are many others who just want to survive economically and be left alone. The problem is that the former is a much smaller group but it controls the latter group, which doesn't like being ordered around but that seems to be the way things have always worked...

If one group's freedom or ascent might cause another group's descent, demise or loss of power, there's going to be a problem.

I'm not saying feminism, good old boys, black power or anything else needs to be crushed, just that everybody should be treated equal... across the board.

That being said, is it a contradiction or hypocrisy to say that males have given up their rights and the farm because they've been duped into thinking they owe it to the downtrodden of the world? Others who traditionally trade freedom for security have convinced them they should too...but when you trade freedom for anything you get screwed...I can't wait til the pendulum swings back around.

Special rights for no one, equal rights for everyone. Everyone faces challenges, they're just different depending on if you're male, female, black, white, Asian or whatever. The fact that so many males self-destruct could be construed to indicate that males deserve special rights but that would be called ridiculous, which it is... as are special legal rights for anyone. Everyone deserves equal rights and equal and adequate protection. If a class of people is being preyed upon it may be due to laws, enforcement or a justice system that doesn't deter aggression. If there isn't a disincentive, then criminals will prey on the weak... are you for deterrence and disincentives for criminal behavior?

Physical people tend to seek first physical solutions which tend not to be best for them in the long run. Intellectual people tend to develop intellectual solutions which have longer term positive outcomes for them. So what appears a conspiracy may be nature taking its course, as the most intelligent use the strongest to their long term advantage through the "accepted" principles of commerce and pay.

Prayer

“God bless you please Mrs. Robinson heaven holds a place for those who pray”... Simon & Garfunkel

Funny how the chapter on prayer comes right after the one on power...

Oh Lord please help me not to be penny wise and pound foolish...

“Give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread”... Proverbs 30:8

Dear God please help me, my family and the whole human race, Amen.

Our dinner prayers growing up started with; “God is great God is good and we thank him for our food amen” which later on was replaced by, “Lord behold our family here assembles, we thank thee for this place in which we dwell, for the love that unites us and the hope in which we expect the morrow.” I don’t know if this means my parents believed in God but on some level they might have. I also don’t know what the prayer police think of these simple prayers...:)

When I say “thank you Lord” for everything from not getting hit by another car or just not stubbing my toe, I'm not absolutely sure he had anything to do with it but want to give Him the credit just in case ... but it could be; fate, statistics or dumb luck.

Sometimes I repeat the same prayer dozens of times...does that make me a heathen? It's just how I sometimes like to pray and when I do it's almost always the "Lord's Prayer." You see the Protestant Reformation didn't take completely with me. I respect Protestants but I also respect Orthodox, Catholics, Jews, Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus and everyone peaceful else.

A typical prayer of thanksgiving from me is, “thank you Lord that didn't land on my foot.” Sorry that I'm not more eloquent but I am extremely grateful for these small favors :)

Dear God, please help me to do what I should be doing. Please help our kids do what they should be doing and please keep us all healthy and safe, Amen.

Presidents of the United States

Obama is not concerned with the Middle East or the Ukraine because he is fighting a war in the United States to destroy it.

I’m more a George Washington guy than an Abe Lincoln fan... George freed slaves too, his own and he had a plan. I applaud Abe for freeing all the slaves but he didn’t have a plan in place for what would come after. His war to free the slaves aka to save the Union cost over

600,000 American lives and to this day we are paying for the sin of slavery. I'm not sure but I think there could have been a better way... for example and this is off the cuff (like Lincoln's war) the north could have let the south secede, or even secede from the south and let them take the bad karma for their brutal institution...600,000 lives, mostly northerners was a hell of a price to pay for a crime that was perpetuated mostly in the south but IMO paid for mostly in the north...ever since I might add.

Like anybody else the President of the United States doesn't like to admit making a mistake but unlike other people consequences of the presidents can be enormous.

The president is willing to continue these wars because he wants money from the lobby "" in the lobby will help the money in the lobby will help him further his greater holes and he could care less about what's going on there. What's going on over there is a battle between two of the worlds' dominant personality cults and

Pride

"We used to enter the city like gods; now we enter it like rats." - Vincent Scully

Prison

Productivity

Progress

It's often more effective to put a bug in someone's ear than make a speech.

Prophecy

"the players tried to take the field

The marching band refused to yield

Do you recall what was revealed

The day the music died?"...Don McLean

Quantum physics indicates that the ancients may have actually been able to see the future. Does that mean what they saw is what God wants to happen or what is going to happen due to the folly of man?

Is it possible that prophecy and missions are related, maybe they aren't but if you have millions of people dedicated to a particular mission, might it tend to lead to a prophesized outcome?

Ironic how world history may be driven by people with vivid dreams, visions from God, thoughts implanted by aliens...or outright nut cases whose personal psychosis direct the actions of super-powers and billions of people.

I'm not a prognosticator but looking to the future, biblical prophecy may be a very good guide because it's either God's will or the intention of some very powerful and connected people. If it's God's will it's sure to happen, if it's the will of these people there's still a pretty good chance.

Is prophecy the product of a bunch of crack-pots publicizing their dreams and future crack-pots embellishing them, or are they the product of God sending messages to people? I think both scenarios are neither impossible or certain.

The major religions have millions if not billions of people devoting their lives to making certain things come true. No wonder they seem to be coming true and maybe they would anyway but there sure is a lot of money and effort being expended to make sure we have a timely apocalypse!

Is Prophecy the same as something being destined to happen and are they both controlled via the same "mechanism?"

The Israeli's must be keenly aware of Bible prophecy about Israel & the Jewish people, & sometimes seems to fight for a different outcome. Whatever it does may be in vain or actually usher in the prophesied outcome...look out below!

Will US policy prevent the apocalypse, guarantee apocalypse or have no effect because the prophecies are written in stone, and what about other countries and their policies?

Another incentive to follow prophecies advising us to side with the Jews is that who do, tend to do better than those who don't... hmm.

7.28.15... If I understood him correctly, TV preacher Dr. David Reagan, said two thirds of the Jewish people will die during a seven year period... hmmm.

I imagine the Israeli government knows exactly what's going on and that the Christians may turn on them some day. Will prophecy play out the way it is in the book of Revelations and will there only be relatively small number of Jews who are "saved" by converting to

Christianity? What might cause the west to turn on Israel if that ever happens? Would it be a financial collapse or social changes they're blamed for, or something else?

Is prophecy being fulfilled or this is it the fact that the wealthy Western world and the wealthy Jewish world are putting in trillions of dollars Christians for their part temper cent tithing for many of them etc. etc. and voting in governments who spend taxpayer dollars also to fulfill their visions the Jewish people also spending trillions of dollars of theirs and of other countries on their own behalf. So when the wealthiest half of the world is spending the bulk of their wealth to fulfill something how do we know it's actually God at work?

Being the one that was right and being able to say I told you so will have little value after the Apocalypse. There won't be many people left and make sure won't want to be reminded of the errors of their way...

Chosen above all other people? I'd say that's debatable. A most exceptional group of people? I think that goes without question.

You say the Middle East wars aren't a crusade and I agree but you say you believe in Biblical prophecy but don't think there's even a religious component on our part to these wars... that's got me thinking.

The future and or our destiny may have been seen 2000 years ago by the prophets and it possibly is going to happen the way they say it, but have they've seen God's will or man's? Have they seen the future through tears in the fabric of the universe, so to speak, as physics may explain or was it through the power of God as they claim?

Historically and now, do other religions have prophecies and if so what is or was their track record?

Hate to say it but it's unlikely that anything will happen in the Middle East other than what prophecy foretells. The Israelis are nuclear armed as are their allies in the west and they are uncompromising in their desire for security and based on their actions apparently a greater Israel as well. Meanwhile back at the Kasbah, the Palestinians wants all their land back and neither side seems genuinely interested in a compromise. So it's a religious war and even indirectly related parties like Christians want prophecy to play out as per the Bible so Jesus will return of Jesus and Shia Muslims want the 12 Maddie to come so they are equally invested in an apocalyptic view of history.

Meanwhile back at the curvy couch or wherever, pundits expound on what's going to happen in the Middle East but most of these experts are biased as well as fairly ignorant about the areas they pontificate about. It may come down to Biblical prophecy because the special interest groups driving public opinion and government policy are invested in that

happening, although most of them don't even see it coming... they're just playing their roles on the world stage and enjoying the prestige that comes with ushering in the end of days.

After the conversion of the entire earth to Christianity, will there be 1000 years of peace under a Google Facebook welfare state liberal regime which will be interrupted briefly and then it eternal peace once again after that under similar circumstances or am I reading this completely wrong?

I am no more trying to be a profit than any other pundit who analyzes the news, so if you're going to call me vain glorious call them that too...oh you do. Anyway we're just trying to analyze the news based on our experiences, education and dare I say it – biases.

With the Paris terrorist attack that killed the cartoonist I agree that it's Muslim extremist terrorists responsible, nothing less. I also think that menace has been gradually unleashed largely due to western adventurism in the Middle East and our sponsorship of the state of Israel. The establishment of Israel is obviously prophesized so all this may be unavoidable or intended by God but is it also possible that its due to human intentions and actions related to a 3000-year-old grudge match? If it wasn't for the Bible's apparent scientific and other possible contradictions I vote for the latter but believe the former is possible too. Meanwhile regarding the dear Jewish people, what is in store for them per the New Testament and will Christians always be their friends?

To what extent is prophecy a matter of changing the facts on the ground and activity that has gone on since time immemorial and may be responsible for all kinds of misdeeds against innocent people who couldn't stop the perpetrators who tended to be rich powerful and agenda driven

Not only do such books make very little sense logically they also often conflict with; the historical record, science, archaeology and show definite signs of plagiarism, bias and manipulation of the facts. They are designed to justify past and future acts of genocide, ethnic cleansing and discrimination intended to elevate certain groups over others and to justify dispossessing the weak and unwary of their land or lives.

As China rearms it's huge army, the prophecies of the Book of Revelation look more interesting and compelling. We're lucky to have the brainpower of the Israelis on our side and they're lucky to have our manufacturing base on their side, although the Chinese manufacturing base is about as formidable as it gets. If prophecy is correct then Israel defeats a 200 million man Eastern army (will it be with western help) that may destroy 1/3 of the earth's population before turning on Israel. Who are the 1/3 of the world that are killed, is the nation of India, the rest of Asia, the western world, Africa or some combination? Will events cause America which until recently was a largely German and Anglo/Saxon derived nation eventually turn on Israel? Does the book of Revelation say

that two out of three of Jewish people don't make it through the tribulation apocalypse or whatever? Hmmm again.

If God's behind Bible prophecy then it doesn't matter if people are on a mission to make it happen or not happen...it's going to happen. But is he?

Quips

Quotes

Life... good luck mak'n sense of it... but keep tryin:)

Does I'll cross that bridge when I come to it imply the inevitability of crossing that bridge?

I like quotes because if a picture's worth 1,000 words, a good quote's not far behind.

Rat Race

"This rat has quit the race, this hamster is off the treadmill, this squirrel is satisfied with the nuts he has"... Alan Harper

Regrets

If you refuse to change your mind about anything or admit you've made mistakes you're going to cause trouble for yourself and those around you. That doesn't mean you can't have a few things written in stone, just be very careful what you wish for.

Rejects, Miscellaneous and Unclassified

Religion and the Sexes

Relgionism

"I'll tell you my sins and you can sharpen your knife"... Hozier

I'd say you're a religionist if you don't accept the possibility that your religion's wrong but think other people's religion's are definitely wrong...

I have nothing against devoutness but I hope I never become a devout religionist.

Per the Bible, C.S. Lewis and most churches, if you don't know what to make of him and therefore don't decide that he's God then you're going to hell... "That's a fine looking high horse, what you got in the stable?"... Hozier

Exaggerists and plagiarists...

I can't take you seriously when you pay \$ 100 for a tuning fork bracelet and make statements like science is way overblown but maybe your right. With all due respect you leave me speechless and though I don't know for a fact that you're wrong I strongly think you are about such and other things. To your credit you pour money into your causes and your influence is substantial, so maybe I'm wrong. You want certain things to happen and do everything you can to see it through to the end.

The funny thing is the less scientific a thing is the more likely they are to endorse, promote and pay exorbitant prices for probable charlatans wares...?

If one religion is the most insane, it doesn't mean the others aren't insane too, maybe they're just less insane... my we set the bar low!

How about retesting the Shroud of Turin with the latest Carbon-14 test, account for contaminants and fire damage and determine how old it really is... I think it will be a while before the Pope orders that :)

You'd be hard-pressed to find many governments that admit they want rule the world, but you can find religions proposing something like that for themselves. I hope that religious plurality pluralism survives because the religions I've seen appear to be human constructs... at best.

Funny and sad how some religionist's considers the spirituality of anyone who doesn't belong to their religion to be null, void and a worthless farce... that's not cool that's a cult.

If you believe your "unsaved" loved ones will burn in hell, you might separate from them, be mad at them, or be mad at the world... maybe you should question the theology that teaches such things. Unfortunately and I do mean unfortunately the more invested one becomes in such theology the harder it becomes to act humanely or rationally (which isn't particularly valued anyway.) As a result everyone around you suffers, as you try every trick in the book to win them for your cult. Presents, threats, pouts and if that fails you get mad or marginalize and possibly abandon them. Politically you follow your cult leaders marching orders usually to the detriment of others... after all, their policies are based largely on ancient; grudges, family feuds and territorial disputes.

You think I'm going to hell and I think religions are cults so I think were even, but you don't. I think I can handle our differences of opinion but being in the cat bird seat you see no reason to...t's what it t's.

We claim to have a changed nature but we are as; angry, defensive, petty and vain as anyone else. We excuse this by saying we're not better just better off

We evangelize but vote for war

Religionists take their holidays deadly serious but also seem to embrace the utter commercialization and pagan aspects of Christmas and Easter without blinking an eye... in fact they insist that those around them respect these aspects as well as the religious meanings.

We probably send out more missionaries than the rest of the world combined and we spend more on "defense" than the rest of the world combined

Funny how fundamentalists the world over use all the latest gadgets especially the military variety, while claiming that the science behind them is generally illegitimate, unreliable and possibly satanic. If like the Amish they stuck mostly to baseball bats and 2 x 4 they be much less dangerous to the rest of society...kudos to the Amish.

Religionism is the worship of religion not God and religionists are the least sincere people you'll ever meet. They don't have to act honorably although they talk about piety day and night. They know they can just ask for forgiveness and everything will be all right, including anything they do unto others. When they were a weak bunch they might have been okay but now that they've been running the world for hundreds of years they've become first rate bullies... after all they're saved while the rest of sinful humanity is whiskey bent and hell bound.

Regarding the eventual possible collapse of the modern great religions another factor will be their murderous hypocrisy. All the people killed in their name, the utter hypocrisy of many of their leaders and the frequent failure of religionists to live a better life than nonreligious people.

I am not relying on "my understanding", I am relying on the efforts of thousands throughout history who worked hard and sought the truth. What I am not relying on, at least not entirely, is reliance on those who in my opinion have sought to manage us like a herd of cattle instead of trying to reliably shepherd those who don't want to be led astray.

The ancient cultures and religions were replaced by new ones that had fancier stories better promises and scarier threats. If and when the modern religions are replaced they will repeat be replaced because they cannot hold up to scrutiny either scientific or logical and they will be proven to be based by archaeology science history they will be proven to be based on Hollywood type writing etc.

Their worldview may or may not be superior to everyone else's and in the hereafter we may all find out but in the here and now you shouldn't use that assumption to bully others

just because you have the power to... that's counter to everything you proclaim but to nothing that you do.

Granted, like everybody else religionists are sometimes put in impossible positions but my point is they don't to handle them better than anybody else. Sure they do better than Isis but on average no better than people of the various religions they condemn, despise or feel sorry for. On the other hand maybe I shouldn't criticize them because they're just human but they aren't more just than other humans. Doing a little better than the worst examples of out there really isn't much of a record to run on...we're just asking them to practice what they preach.

When I say I think the religionists have been deceived or misled I don't mean by Jesus. I don't think Jesus was a deceiver or deceived but think his message might have been hijacked. I also think that he was a man and not the God of the universe as some denominations reportedly believe. (Ever notice that denomination rhymes with abomination?) With all due respect I think he was relying on his understanding of the world and culture he came from and lived in. It was a mighty, magnificent culture but one that may not have been based entirely on fact or absolute truth.

All I can say is I think there's a pretty good chance of these people are full of it:)

Religious War

If it's nice, great, whatever that Christians think that they will go to heaven if they are killed fighting for their faith is it also nice that Muslims believe they will go to paradise if they are killed fighting for their religion? Wouldn't it be ironic if it turns out you don't go to heaven or paradise for killing people but instead you go there for refusing to?

Religious wars are among the nastiest, because not only is the other side seen as sub-human, they're seen as devils deserving to go to hell and certainly not human beings deserving to go to heaven. That makes it a lot easier to treat them incredibly inhumanly.

I think it's a religious war, don't know when it started or what came first the chicken or the egg but think it does go back hundreds if not thousands of years... many will disagree.

Religious war makes terrible things possible everything from blowing up buses with civilian and children onboard to torturing people that might have a forethought information on such crimes about to occur it becomes a vicious cycle. all because one group feels closer to God than the other and vice versa

Throughout history I wonder if religious revivals have corresponded with religious wars?

I know it's a crazy world but I'm not yet over several Christian friends' response to wars in the Middle East which has been for them to say, "we're just not killing enough of them", especially in contrast to "thou shalt not kill." Granted the other side is vicious and horrendous and maybe my friends are dead right but I'm not on board with war except for self-defense and other very rare situations and admittedly this might be one but what came first the chicken or the egg and vicious cycles come to mind, as does the general viciousness of religious wars. They also tend to say it's only a religious war by those on the other side which I find spurious... seems to me they're willing to kill as many people as possible to get their way no matter what the argument and religion makes it meaner and easier to justify...it's the old might makes right no matter what the fight.

Meanwhile back at the butcher shop they talk about how God is right all the time which I agree with but wonder about their interpretation, because they say God is logical or illogical depending on the circumstances as they see it.

Renting

Respect

Respect is not earned so much as it usually comes from excepting the group/leaders ideas, being on their page and being part of their posse or choir. The only thing you'll gain by doing what you believe is right instead of what they've decided is right is self-respect. If that's enough for you great! If not do their bidding and you'll have their conditional respect and possibly misguided self-respect. So maybe this much touted respectability isn't all it's cracked up to be... especially when it equals conformity.

You and your friends may disrespect me no matter, so why not sign up for Medi-Share? Because I'll have more respect for myself if I don't... unless they let me do it based on being baptized and asking Jesus to be my savior which I've honestly done, the rest of their stipulations are beyond me.

I say "with all due respect" and mean it although sometimes more so than other's. When you engage with me you neither say it, or believe there's any reason to. My take is that don't respect my opinion, or see any reason to. After all you're in the cat bird seat, your side holds all the cards and I'm just an irritant.

Responsibility

There are two kinds of people in the world those who accept responsibility and those who blame others. Of course most of us think we're the former but the lines are blurred and it's the old Bell curve once again!

It probably happens but I've never heard anybody truly take responsibility for a mistake. We either deny responsibility or accept it with a caveat emptor or two or in some cases with a false humility that although better than nothing cannot hide our true feelings.

Revolution, Evolution

“We’re painted red to fit right in”... Imagine Dragons

I'm not for revolution I'm for a pioneering pilgrimage...

The revolution would be unnecessary if the people in power were willing to tweak the system... usually they're not.

Rarely does a revolution lead to excellent results because the new guys are either cronies of the old or just as bad, or things weren't so bad to begin. It's usually better to tweak than overthrow but there are tyrants who need to be shown the door.

Rome

We are the new Rome and we “Rome” the world much as they did...

We are Rome on steroids possibly with a bit less bloodlust... at least we don't kill people in coliseums.

Even the knights of Rome could not prevent the fall of Rome, despite their armor and heavy cavalry they were eventually overrun by the barbarians... hmmm

I think we are a lot like Rome I think Christianity is a lot like religions that preceded it but more so in both cases. I would rather our country and adopt more moderate stances across-the-board but it's unlikely. We will become a zombie nation or a beehive or something but I don't think we're going to become a free your nation of for freer people.

Sent from my iPhone=

Routines

Their fine but don't become a prisoner to one...

Rumi

What's wrong with being adaptable in this day and age being adaptable to the society which is not run the way I wish it were. It is what it is, I shouldn't be a fanatic ideologue. I'm told that I have no absolutes but I just don't have as many, or the "right ones." Whether I was born 200 year too late or 200 years too early I see nothing wrong with trying to make the best of things... It is what it is:)

I believe there is a near death experience and that it's probably similar to the death experience, at least at first. The question is, is there an afterlife after the near-death experience, or do the lights just go out. I don't know if logic has anything to do with any of this, or if quantum physics, quark theory etc. have anything to do with it "making sense." Certainly through religion it makes sense but whether or not logic, science or natural laws have any role in it is either another matter, or neither here nor there it is what it is! (Rumi)

We are what we are and it is what it is, but it's going to change and so can we.

It may sound like apathy when I say, "it is what it is" (Rumi) but what I mean is I get the feeling that you and I cannot have a civilized conversation about a certain subject so... let's just diverge.

Sure, you don't think you're a rascal and I don't think I'm one but you think I'm one and I think you're one... what it is:)

I used to think it was a cop-out to say, "it is what it is" (Rumi) but there are some things layered with bullshit that's the only way I can say it.

Russia

Russia wants to be surrounded by satellite states to insulate itself from the west, China wants to dominate Asia and the USA wants to be surrounded by client states the world over to insulate it from Russia and China... hmmm, interesting.

Amongst other things one thing the war in the Ukraine tells us is that if you give up your nuclear weapons you will be attacked by more powerful nations Ukraine is finding that out

SRSR

"God Himself is a society"... G.K. Chesterton

SRSR is a social/philigious club Euchre is a prototype.

SRSR's mission is to analyze and even to dissect religions to find out what makes them tick or what makes them sick if that is one's opinion. Hopefully this can be done in a respectful manner... hopefully and that is the request of "the management." That doesn't mean that people who proselytize aren't welcome it just means they're asked to respect other's religions and not use scare tactics when visiting our establishment... even if they're sure they're just telling "the truth." UCGR and SRSR are proselytize Free-Zones.

SRSR or would like to get more information about God from God, or from scientists but doesn't trust the information coming from wholly charlatans be they from the past, present or future.

SRSR's membership agreement member agrees not to proselytize menace or disrespect others member understands that the purpose of the organization this discussion and at most debate which is welcomed proselytizing menacing disrespect will not be tolerated.

No subject taboo, political correctness not observed but respectfulness and civility for others are a prerequisite for attendance.

For people who are not bound by political correctness dogma or the idea that they are always right for people who are not devoted to political correctness and shrug off tolerate ideas I disagree with and who are devoted to peaceful coexistence and nonviolence as much as humanly possible and seeks help from above to achieve it. That's right SRSR believes in God but is not wedded to any particular religion's dogma on that subject. Dogma... it's a bitch:)

Due to; subliminal radio messages while leaving Crown Hill cemetery; things in the news possibly related to prophecy, quantum physics and the intolerance of Islam, I'm drifting more and more towards Pascals choice but still not ready for the 700 Club. I may never be able to completely except the Nicean creed but getting more and more comfortable that Jesus is the gold standard. Still not sure his message wasn't hijacked to some extent (Paul, "The Church" etc.), still not sure I believe he's exactly who he said he was. although I'm not sure the reports of who he said he was are entirely true. I don't believe what certain denomination say i.e. that he is literally God and created the earth and six days etc. but I except that that could be true, if I am a Christian, I'm still a liberal one theologically and a conservative one politically... hmm. It's what many would call "baby or watered down Christianity", I'm not ashamed and call it responsibly performing due diligence.

I respect the old, new and "no" testaments but don't believe any are the truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Salvation

Satisfaction

Second Amendment

“The man who does not exercise the first law of nature that is self-preservation does not deserve to live”...John Wesley Harding

Some free men have always carried a weapon of some kind, be it a sword, club, dagger or even a side arm today...they have always been opposed by those who want them unable to defend themselves and others.

Be a gentleman and a gentleman shouldn't start trouble, neither should he allow himself to be at the mercy of jerks and assholes. Historically gentlemen possessed some means of self-defense so they could avoid being abused and if necessary can go down fighting.

Secession

"If any state in the Union will declare that it prefers separation...to a continuance in union... I have no hesitation in saying, 'let us separate"... Thomas Jefferson

I'm not necessarily a separatist but think people have that right.

Meanwhile they allow others to tell them what flag they can fly what they can do when to do this when to do that how to do this how to do that want to think what to feel

If a flag of freedom can become a flag of tyranny then a flag of tyranny can become a flag of freedom... it all depends on who's waving it.

I'm not ashamed that my potential readers are considered racist because the PTB has declared them that. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson probably would agree with us and that's good enough for me. The PC crowd which apparently is the majority of Americans will despise me and that's okay too.

Congress should have to approve any declaration of war and the president shouldn't have war powers beyond our; borders, the sea lanes and airspace. Our preemptive wars of the last 50 years have mostly aggravated problems around the world and have been contrary to the Founding Fathers wise stance on that issue. If each state or 90% of them had to vote for a war we'd be less likely to enter them and the warmongers would have to find a new vocation. States should have control over their own activities and the right to vote for or against entering wars that are usually beneficial only to an elitist clique. We're better off with state's having greater rights obligated to go to war only to directly protect our borders, sea lanes and airspace. Requiring 90% of the states to vote for a war might lead to the U.S. avoiding most; religious and financially inspired wars caused by false flag events and media hype and that would be a refreshing change!

I agree that the Civil War was largely about slavery although not entirely. I am adapting the rebel flag for other reasons I'm not for slavery I don't think that I'm superior to blacks but I do disagree with the massive government which was a smaller reason but an important reason for the South to secede

I can respect the sensitivities of those who don't want the Confederate flag flown but resist being ruled by them... give them an inch and they will take a mile. Today they say take it down from government buildings but their disarming ways are legendary and it's only a matter of time till we are disarmed and they will demand it's removal from your yard and house.

Not a segregationist, racist or supremacist... a sovereignist and a separatist.

I am aware of, acknowledge and respect my countrymen and women's points of view. They are not aware of and probably wouldn't acknowledge or in many cases respect mine. For that reason I would like to emigrate too free space, if such a place will be allowed to exist but I'm born about 200 years too early so I'll just write about it.

"Relax said the madman we are programmed to receive. you can check out anytime you want but you can never leave"... Hotel California

"Whether we remain in one confederacy, or form into Atlantic and Mississippi confederacies, I believe not very important to the happiness of either part"... Thomas Jefferson

Secrets

The expression is, "tell me your deepest darkest secrets." I wouldn't say I have dark secrets but I may have deep ones depending on who's asking.

Selfishness

Shopping and the Mall

Do you have to be dowdy to shop at Goodwill? Pretty much... if today's experience is any indication.

Sitting on the Fence

"Come down from your fences, open the gate. It may be rainin', but there's a rainbow above you"... Eagles

I'm not on the fence I'm neutral but I'll certainly take up arms if we ever get accurate intelligence that their aiming their missile launchers at us, approaching our shores, or if I see the whites of their eyes. You may tell me it's too late at those points but I think it's been too early for us to be blowing people up everywhere on the planet for the last a 50 years...let them settle their own scores and like Washington and Adams said; no permanent alliances, and America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy.

The part about I'll get off the fence when I see the whites of their eyes certainly when I see ship steaming towards our shores and maybe that's too late so maybe earlier but I'm not going to be preemptively bombing people all over the world I'm not gonna be in support of preemptively bombing people all over the world years in advance thousands of miles in advance etc. if I see a launcher aimed at us I'll hit it I'd be forgetting it

Waiting till you see the whites of their eyes makes sense in some cases but if it means you'll all be killed in your homes it doesn't...

I'd rather remain neutral on the issue of religion if and until if we can get some better answers, then if it's determined that what they say is true I'll join the right side. As I see it now there's good and evil in the world and on both sides, so call me a doubting Thomas, fence sitter or any other insulting thing you want and I'll try not to take offense but I will follow the dictates of my conscience and my eyes and ears, not yours or your leader's.

They tell you to get off the fence, stop being neutral and chose a side. If you don't they say you're a this or a that. It's designed to force you towards possibly making a poor or premature decision. I think it's been a problem for people since time immemorial and has always been a tool of those vying for power. That isn't to say there's never a time to make a decision but rushing into things should be the exception not the rule and quite often you may not even have to make the decision they're pushing you towards. Just as often, the

people insisting that you have to make the decision and telling you it's for your own good are probably the ones that have something to gain not you.

You say there's no such thing as neutrality and you call it isolationism I call it neutrality and fortress America and I have no problem with the terms neutrality or fortress America. Instead of guaranteeing the; Koreans, Germans, Japanese, Taiwanese, Israelis and God knows who else military assistance, maybe America should be a fortress. Our borders should be strictly controlled our sea lanes protected, our nuclear deterrent strengthened, a massively robust missile defense system put in place and a vast civil defense system built.

Although belittled, the idea of “Fortress America” sounds better to me than policing a world full of foolish, irresponsible countries. Trying to control everything and everyone in the world is foolish and arrogant, especially in an era when our aircraft carriers will become increasingly vulnerable to missiles and then where will our jets land? We’re also not wise enough to be running around determining the rest of the world's mores, values and societal structure. The path of non-intervention and general neutrality may be morally superior to a path of interventionism. If terrorists or foreign armies intend to attack and kill us, we should maintain the means to stop them before they cross our borders and the best way to do that may be as perfectly secured a border as is possible, not perpetual preemptive wars. Let terrorists and the like kill each in their own lands if they’re evil enough to do so and keep us out of it as much as possible. It seems like they have only lived in relative peace when governed by kings and authoritarian dictators. If that's what they want fine, if it's not then let them change things for themselves. The extent of our influence and sanctions should be withholding anything and everything their corrupt ruling elites can misuse. Our sanctions should be targeted squarely at the evil dictators not the general population or benevolent despots.

Sitting on the fence isn't great but making neutrality impossible is even worse... I hope they fail.

Slander

Smoking

Social Engineering

The secular humanist think they're better than us because they're so smart and the religionists think they're better off than us... in both cases they feel obligated to run our lives.

They are trying and maybe doing all the right things to make this multicultural society work. I wish them well but I prefer to live in a freer society. When different cultures blend together you have to compromise which is fine but if the nature of those compromises is onerous, it's time to split...

In the 1920's the Russians tried to interbreed humans and chimpanzees to make super soldiers. Now a Japanese scientist has inserted memories into a mouse's brain and speculated he could do the same with humans. In the case of the mouse he made it afraid of a certain place... what have they wrought?

Society

Our society is based on intervention and misguided "do-goodism." At home we tell people what they have to do or they'll go to jail and abroad we bomb people if they don't do what we say's "right." Meanwhile our worst problems are under-addressed, thanks to our moral crusades.

More and more people want others to fight not only for their equal rights but also for their special rights. The kicker is that if you won't they'll take your rights away.

Society's based on theories of everything from religions to ancient aliens. This is logical since we've only been recording history for a few thousand years and it's certainly been going on a lot longer than that. Pre-written history is only slowly revealing itself and history is often mixed with myths, legends, lies and theories. In other areas of society, there are thousands of theories on losing weight, attracting mates, influencing people, making sales and everything else we engage in. No matter what we engage in we've got theories... half of them are bunk the other half are half bunk or half-baked:)

For me, the Test is if something defies nature and the supposed word of God then I'm pretty sure I won't agree with it, so I support societal laws being tweaked accordingly. I suggest starting with community property and child custody laws.

Not asking society to change or even allow things they don't like. Just hoping that future generations can bug-out without interference. Will there come a time when they will have the ability to read our minds and prosecute us for thoughts ranging from; heresy, lusting in our hearts or just being un-PC etc? Probably :)

There's lives with no meaning and there's lives with less than no meaning, that's when you're on their list and you usually get there by thinking for yourself.

Soldiers

**“You're an errand boy, sent by grocery clerks, to collect a bill”... Colonel Kurtz
(Apocalypse Now)**

No one is suitable just for cannon fodder and if you believe that you are suitable only for cannon fodder I think it's because you have bought into a lie, or have not prepared yourself for anything else and it's never too late to do that.

We steel raise our boys to defend the faith and family and there's nothing wrong with that, except for it's frequent misuse. Girls are still raised traditionally as well which is also fine, unless they're pigeon-holed which should be their decision. Presently gender roles and rules are changing dramatically anyway... but our instincts remain.

Elon musk and Stephen Hawkins are urging a ban on killer robots... good luck with that! Then as I turn the channel I see Chimps running for their lives... that will be us. Be it robots, drones or anything else, the problem is as much who controls them as their actual existence.

U.S. Grant wore a privates uniform... was it humility or something else? I guess it doesn't really matter...

“We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain”... Abraham Lincoln

“Where have all the flowers gone, young girls have picked them ever one. Where have all the young girls gone, they've gone to young men everyone. Where of all the young men gone, they've gone to soldiers everyone. Where have all the soldiers gone, they've gone to grave yards every one. Where have all the graveyards gone, they've gone to flowers everyone”...Pete Seeger

Sovereign Separation

Sovereigntist separatist Declaration of Independence - When in the course of human events a government dictates who you must live with, who your neighbor will be and who you must associate with then the time has come for us to part ways. I'm not talking about rendering emergency aid, or selling people the necessities of life, I'm talking about

interference on a micro level by the government that is ultimately designed to reengineer society per an elitist agenda.

Believe it or not I respect everybody and wish them well but I don't care to be; manipulated, engineered, prescribed, coerced, or forced to associate with certain people nor would I expect anyone to be compelled to associate with me.

Space is The Place!

“Above the planet on a wing and a prayer”... Pink Floyd

"When the one that left us here returns for us at last"...Youngbloods

It's easy to discredit somebody who wants to start a new colony by saying they have mega-maniacal ambitions like Jim Jones etc., or think they're grandiose like the patriarchs, or have a messiah complex. Instead I identify with the people of Jamestown, Plymouth Rock the founding fathers and many others who just wanted to get away from superpowers, tyrants, bullies and 'benevolent' despots, but it doesn't matter, we're not supposed to deviate from the program... meanwhile back at the ranch the sheeple all said baaah! and looked to their masters for instructions on who to bite next...

You can call us Yamish astronauts:)... inspired by those rugged individualists but not the same as them.

Deputy Mayor

Youkerville, New Indiana

District 5, Un-Federation of Noumerica.

We the Umish astronauts would like to maintain many of the old ways but not be luddites... nor do we want to be swallowed by pop culture and PC.

Astronomers say there are about 150 billion of stars in our galaxy and hundreds of billions of galaxies in the known universe that means trillions of planets, it would be incredible if there's life out there and equally incredible if there isn't.

If there are civilizations on other planets that have a million or billion year head start on us, they might be very sophisticated technologically and they could be like little gods but not like the God of the multiverse.

As much as people would like it to be utopia, space will not be that. There will obviously be good times, bad times as well as good and ill societies but the human race will be able to endeavor to persevere. Hopefully humans will progress towards peaceful coexistence as more of a norm than it's been for the past 10,000 years. The same should be the model on earth but eventually for one reason or another our fair planet may "go away."

We can't just put up our shields and flee, we have to maintain contact, communication and relations with earth. We can't just be a flotilla moving through space looking out for asteroids avoiding most of them but occasionally getting hit, but we may be able to traverse wormholes etc. making light-years seem like miles. If we discover those secrets, we can visit mother earth anytime. This might only be possible in the ethereal or spirit world as our corporal bodies certainly have their limitations.

The world can have one government or it can break into thousands of government, now there are hundreds. What is better and what is worse? All we know is that neither is perfect but the bigger the government the more people the elite can control. A one world government will be controlled by a smaller number of elitists than many sovereign governments. A one world government may have representatives from around the world participating but the most moneyed will still have the most control and their agenda will be forced on the world. The elitists have a backup plan which they've used for centuries, it's control of banks, currencies, corporations and people's pay checks. Be it the religious freedom bill, affirmative action or anything else we are all forced via various incentives, disincentives, taxes and "education" to adopt their prevailing views. A potential solution is space emigration... by somewhat like minded people who can govern themselves according to the dictates of their consciences

I hope we can solve our earthly problems and wouldn't relish leaving this beautiful orb but a super Earth in a galaxy far, far away might not be too bad either:)

So the great American experiment has been largely successful for 250 years maybe it will continue for thousands more and I wish you well but they should not prevent other groups of people from experimenting on their own separately and differently. If they want to trade that's fantastic if they want to dominate that's not.

I don't want to live in a society that is segregated for one that is the opposite. They want and where we can mostly agree I think that means living among people who are a lot like me. I don't want to live among people who will compel me to live like them or compel people to live like me Sent from my iPhone=

You wouldn't have to be a landowner to vote but you would have to be a net tax payer instead of a net tax user... except for retirees and the bona fide handicapped. The inheritance limit would be \$1 million because 'members agree' no one's entitled to start life with more of an advantage over others than that. It would greatly decrease the princely

classes' power over the rest of us. I realize many innovators would go to other colonies and that's regrettable but hopefully their loss would be favorably offset by them not being around to re-engineer society to their continued advantage with their money. They can spend it on as many consumer products as they want in this colony, they just can't spend it on lobbying the government to enact laws that specifically benefit; them, their causes, their heirs, or that shelter it for their heirs and pet; political, religious and/or sociological schemes. Of course they'll call me a socialist, commie, but I disagree, Euchreville's all for most capitalism and all entrepreneurship but cronyism and unrestrained capitalism will not be; rewarded, encouraged or tolerated.

I don't think there's any way to reconcile the different parties that have different opinions on society on earth. Those who are not in this majority of those who have not been hoodwinked I'll either have to submit or leave and make him leaving his made very difficult. Like the Pilgrims who left England there may be way stations like Holland was for them along the way. But hopefully they will be allowed to leave with their fruits of the labor and start a new somewhere else. Otherwise they will be subjugated if they are not co-opted or there will be war and they're likely to lose because so many others have been co-opted. I am for leaving this damn place and coming back in the future when I think it will have been completely and utterly ruined thanks to the PTB their grade their minions in the wrongheaded ideas.

The best chance for success is like-minded people with good ideas...

Being nomadic may be the way to go as you may not run into other civilizations for thousands of years. Avoiding encounters with other's might allow colonists to focus on finding resources etc. Along the way they'll be schisms and some people will settle in habitable places. On earth this has always been difficult because no matter where people went they would eventually come across other humans and there would be conflict. In space you might go 1000 years without ever coming across intelligent life... or not.

Maybe Aliens or the "upstairs" PTB are interested in the human race evolving forward or backwards... maybe they're promoting certain social-engineering schemes to move us in the desired direction. Or maybe nature's just taking its course as it always seems to do...

The caller said, "Short of an uprising which I'm not proposing, what are we supposed to do?" I suggest emigration to space but it's going to be a while and there's certainly no guarantee the Empire won't follow with IRS man in tow. Just ask the American colonists, King George's tax collectors were a major issue and we've certainly not seen the end of imperial hubris. Meanwhile back at the ranch there's no way to peacefully change a society that has the kind of pure democratic system that de Tocqueville warned us about... but hopefully there will be the possibility of escape.

The Amish astronauts might be nomads forever because within the group there will constantly be schisms as new immigrants and factions within the originals can no longer abide with each other. The Constitution should allow those who wish to leave the right to do so with all of their possessions and means for survival which they have lawfully acquired.

The Amish astronauts cannot run forever so they should instead lobby not agitate for a culture a society of laws a government of laws that are fair and equally. And forest and number conium Lee in forest and Andra Coney in (thanks voice wreck). By expounding ideas and not using for us but keeping their shields up and watching their back maybe they will encourage like-minded rational people the universe over to stand up to the New World order and it's questionable goals

I'm just saying there should be diversity and my group would be the Namish astronauts. Every group out there should have the right not to comply with the New World orders-orders. That's true diversity not the New World orders version, prescription or definition of it.

It's resuscitation and recuperation, not resurrection...

We may have come to this planet on space ships, or as flotsam and jetsam like carbon and DNA. In either case we may have seeded this planet and we may seed others.

Solving the problem of Muslims, Christians and Jews not getting along might require drastic means such as the serious ones just not living anywhere near each other. In the past whichever religion that was in power in certain countries either expelled, persecuted or killed members of the rival religion. These measures are again being used by Islamists and it's not beyond the realm of possibility that Christians or Jews would expel Muslims from countries. We're told by some that the Muslims may need more time to "mature" and become civilized like Christians and Jews. I wonder if there will ever be enough time for that and though Christians and Jews have supposedly cooled their jets, I'm not sure I believe it. That's why space colonies of fairly homogeneously thinking people may want to develop their own societies. The only way to do that that I know of would be to move far off into space and just keep going to that the enlightened authorities (is that an oxymoron?) aka whoever's in charge will just force them to abide by their rules and regulations.

The asteroid and Kuiper belt are like gas stations in space. yes Ceres for example might be three quarters water which could provide the fuel for Space pioneers to explore the universe.

I don't advocate breaking up America but do advocate that people emigrate to space in the coming hundreds of years and start their own free and independent colonies based on America but tweaked to their likings, preferences etc.

If we were visited by ancient aliens mistaken for gods, were there good guys and bad guys among them? Was there a mutiny and were the rebels what are described in the Bible as fallen angels? Were the good guys who the Essenes called the sons of light? Who knows and it brings to mind what Pilate said about the truth... if that scenario is true, was one side 100% good and the other 100% bad or was it closer... even much closer? Why would the sons of light employ “angels” that were bad in the first place? If they had free will that might explain it...

Sports and Extra-size

Wow, what happened to you he seemed to be wondering... lack of sleep, too much sun, poor diet and lack of exercise for starters!

This rotator cuff surgery stinks... I hope when my other shoulder goes out they'll be able to just slap a metal one in there and avoid all the crapola.

The thing I don't like about bikes is hitting my head on them... but that's better than taking them down and having to ride :)

One of the consistently worst products on the market has to be bicycle kick stands, bikes are always falling over... I think Comcast makes them.

I was about to say I'd like to get rid of these man boobs but then thought it's not a big deal... let the studs worry stuff like that. Getting rid of them would be nice but I'm unlikely to ever be svelte, so I'll focus on trying to be healthy and let the studs worry about being studley:)

They tell athletes to, “stay on your toes, don't get caught flat footed, don't sit back on your heels”... we're not cheetahs and never will be but it's still good advice!

If it requires more than three speeds I'd rather not to ride it...I ain't young no more.

On this fine spring day I can treadmill in the basement and breathe radon or walk the hood and breathe round-up and weed and feed... take your pick☐

I'm riding my bike and your car misses me by about a foot...you can expect to hear from a little birdie (I hope I'm not guilty of the same.)

My hip hurts, but dogs stand on four legs and still get dysplasia...maybe I'll stop leaning on one leg:)

I like walking on the street when it's clear and in the grass when it isn't but if I walk in the grass, eventually I'll twist my ankle and if I walk on the road someday I'll get run over☐

Proper body mechanics is great and I try to use it but I'd rather have a little extra support any day. Having something to lean-on's more likely to save your back then bending properly.

Should you start with the exercise you like least or the one you like best? In my case if I don't start with the one I dislike, I'm less likely to do it at all...

Always be in touch with at least one point on the earth and two or three when necessary. Not only does this keep you grounded, it turns lifts etc. into exercise instead strains. You know, "the straw that broke the camel's back and all that..."

Just as it only takes a straw to break the camel's back, it only takes a straw's worth of support to save your back... lean, brace or hold onto as necessary to take a pound or ounce of load off your back and you may avoid crashing down.

For now on cross my left leg not my right it'll probably be just as relaxing and help what's left of my right hip.

Stereotypes

Stress

"Here comes your 19th nervous breakdown"... Stones

Tuesday's quite simply turned into a mega-Monday! That's the problem with coming home from vacation... I'm out of sync and I've made I've made all the wrong choices! Fortunately it's only been about things like which route to take home which led to a traffic jam which gas station to go to which led to a higher price and the car wash not working and stuff like that...I have used the "F" word more than usual though.

I know I'm under stress because I'm starting to take my shirts off inside out like my wife routinely does and she's frequently stressed.

My credit card didn't work at the barber or pharmacy so it's a typical Monday morning :). It's been even rougher for possums, skunks and squirrels as I've passed two road kills and almost ran over the squirrel... I'm not going to wreck to save his life fortunately he saved his own.

It's been a week alright... a whole week, a whole freakin' week... TGIF!

Success (Failure)

“If you take everything I've done in my life and condense it down into one day it looks decent”... George Costanza

“They say it's what you make, I say it's up to fate. It's woven in my soul”...Imagine Dragons

“Who's that casting defeatist stares in my direction?”... Lincoln Park

Consider the possibility there's a positive higher power wanting you to do well and available to help. Simultaneously reduce your exposure to negative people, places and things...

Learn to advertise, prioritize, economize and sobriety. Learn about; diminishing returns, multitasking, calculating risk versus rewards, think safety first, don't be pennywise but pound foolish, rest and relax regularly.

Look your best, follow up appropriately, act professionally, discuss don't argue, don't set price too low (you can come down easier than you can go up, unless you have an up-charge strategy), don't burn bridges, don't say yes too soon (that's also hard to reverse.)

Less Rush Limbaugh and Michael Savage and more Zig Ziglar and Dave Ramsey (maybe) and you're likely to be happier etc.

Your IQ's pretty important but not more important than your EQ (Effort Quotient.)

Is it who you surround yourself with or is it just the luck of the draw?

Try hard, reach out, stop using, start doing!

Patience isn't just a virtue... it's also an interrupter of problems caused by a lack thereof.

There're two kinds of people in this world... well maybe more than two kinds, but the two I'm talking about now are the ones that always have to win and the ones content with surviving. I'd rather be somebody who's satisfied with surviving then being somebody who has to win all the time. I'd also rather be around this kind for the most part but there's a place for the others too and they make life interesting when they aren't making it difficult which by the way everyone does:)

There's a price to be paid for everything be it excelling in sports or starting a movement... how steep the price is unknown.

The word of the day is 'try ', the words of the day are 'try even harder'...

I'll take luck along with skill, providence and favor over that and God over all of that.

I may be tempted to attribute any success I have to good clean living, decent karma or whatever but everyone else is likely to attribute it to whatever or worse... regardless they want a piece of it.

In a situation where safety, life and limbs might be in danger prepare for and assume the worst, in a situation where the upside potential is great and that danger is low assume the best, and prepare to make the most of it.

Find ways to succeed not ways to excuse or explain failure, just keep trying and trying and trying... and learning.

There's nothing wrong with not being a go-getter but you should be determined.

Where would the USA be today is George Washington, Ben Franklin so many others whose names are lost to history listened to the people who said don't make waves and don't try to do great things because that's narcissistic. George, Ben and the others weren't being vainglorious and didn't have messiah complexes they were just trying to make a better society. Of course they made serious mistakes along the way but I'm glad they gave it the old college try and we should too! Don't be dissuaded by those who call you names and say don't make waves and mind your own business... that's no way to run an airline!

Most morning's success or failure begins with getting in the tub without waking up the Robin and getting out without slipping or dropping my phone in the water... this involves prioritizing. Make coffee, turn on the heater, walk quietly, then don't slip and don't drop the Apple:) Prioritizing is usually complicated by factors somewhat beyond our control, in this case it's the dark and having his hands full... a recipe for occasional disaster☐

Be inspired by your victories and motivated to do better by your setbacks.

Leadership leadersheep

No matter what the problem focus on the solution! Solving problems is achieved by focusing on finding a solution, not on fixating or distressing about the dilemma.

It just now occurred to me... if I hadn't tried pot the first semester of my freshman year of college I might have actually become a vet. Strange how the dream of being one became lost and only now at the age of 58 am I even able to remember that once upon a time that was my dream.

In business and life it pays to go out on a limb but not way-out.

Most people's personalities are a combination of confidence and insecurity. Successful people balance these traits enough to achieve their goals. If you channel the self-confidence you can be an entrepreneur, if you master the insecurity you succeed.

Whether it's God, the devil, or the universe, we're constantly challenged. Sometimes it's little things like can I make it home without stopping for donuts, other times the challenges are much greater but one way or another we're challenged. Do the best you can and you'll tend to make progress, occasionally we fail and sometimes we come out in the middle and that's usually not so bad.

"Do you not love sleep or you will grow poor, stay awake and you will have food to spare"... Proverbs 20:13

"There's a dumpster in the driveway full of all the plans that went wrong"... song on the radio

"Even if you're on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there"... Will Rogers

Surveillance Nation

"They're right under my bed they're on patrol"... Big Data

Cameras, cameras everywhere... a fellow couldn't pick his nose if he wanted to!

We probably need NSA domestic surveillance if we are going to slay monsters abroad and hold permanent alliances to guarantee other countries security. This may be what we should be doing or it may not. If we follow the advice of Washington and Adams we probably wouldn't be the world's policeman, it's a debate worth having instead of it being the de facto status quo. Washington and Adams might've been right then and wrong now or our leaders might be wrong now... let's talk about it.

Government wants to be Godvernment and many people are all for it. They think that if the gov surveils everything we; say, search or do we will be safe from terrorists. That's unlikely to be true and greater safety will come instead from less interference in the affairs of other countries. The religious war we are involved in is the basis of terrorism and the competition and jealousy between the "great" organized religions is at the root of the problem.

In the song she says "I don't care if the world knows what my secrets are", which reminds me of the old saw, "as long as you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry

about.” I wouldn't care so much about the world aka authorities etc. knowing my secrets if I thought someone wouldn't use them against us.

There are some things I don't say to anyone because they'll get me in trouble. They're between me and God and maybe Google since they can probably read my mind:)

The NSA's activities of been found unconstitutional but that doesn't mean Ed Snowden will be embraced. it will still be considered a traitor by many because this is America and we are the greatest. They always say we are the greatest and most powerful and though we're about as powerful as Rome was in their day we're more humane but still imperfect. When they say, “America love it or leave it”, I'm sad to say we don't have to because America has already left the building. It's not what it used to be and although it never was exactly what it claimed to be, it was a great nation and though it still is, it's hit an iceberg.

If it's true that the Godvernment records or listens to our; phone calls, emails, key strokes and internet searches then we have surrendered to the PTB and that should never happen.

The congress is debating mass surveillance but we probably wouldn't even need it if we weren't interfering in other countries affairs all over the world slaying monsters that should be slain but should we be sleighing them?=
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Those who say that as long as we're doing nothing wrong we have nothing to worry about are incorrect. Such complete surveillance and knowledge of our private thoughts is a violation of our human rights and will not keep us safe it will make us slaves.

The United States has its own Gestapo in fact there are at least two of them. One for the left and one for the right and the victims are each other or whoever stands between them and their agendas. As always nails will be flattened if they dare stick out from the wood... that not-withstanding this is still a great country and we can say what we want with a degree of impunity that is still historically reasonable.

These Gestapo are against anything not ideologically and religiously on their side and the two major ones agree on enough things to keep us on the right track. The die is cast, les jeu sont faix and everyone from; hippies, rappers, rock 'n rollers, comedians, schoolteachers, late-night talk-show hosts as well as the more obvious opinion makers are to some degree on-board...I hope we're doing the right thing.

“Every breath you take

Every move you make

Every bond you break

Every step you take

I'll be watching you.

Every single day

Every word you say

Every game you play

Every night you stay

I'll be watching you"...The Police

Symbolism

The remaining "tridents" on the World Trade Center were integrated into the new World Trade Center to show America's resolve...that's a powerful message.

Taxes

Teamwork

Technology

Terrorism

"The terrorists were once children they drew cartoons like us, then one day they lost your sense of humor"... Luz (Charlie Hedod cartoonist)

Most organized religions do the same thing to children makes them lose their sense of humor and dwell on speculative punishment to come.

The words heroes and terrorists are thrown around flippantly. Everybody's either a hero or terrorist depending who's side you're on...it's as much part of the propaganda effort as the truth.

I think it's a religious war and hate to say it but the only solution for terrorism is...

Isis members are vicious animals and the rest of us have animals inside us too but most people subdue the beast inside. Something has brought the vicious, murderous side of human nature out in ISIS members and I think it could be; fundamentalist Islam, Mideast occupation, a genetic predisposition towards violence among its members or something else. I don't know the answer but I know I'm only supposed to speculate about one or two of the aforementioned... and certainly not dwell on the idea that most if not all westerners have similar evil potential... I hope they don't.

Think Tanks

Third Rails and Taboos to Talk About

Lately I seem to measure time in how many hours to the next event be it a meal, TV show or doctor's appointment.

I'm not sure if the founding fathers were neutral, pro Jewish or anti-Semitic but I'm pretty sure they had the freedom to talk about it and there are opinions you can find going both ways. Contrast that with today when virtually everybody in the federal government places Israel on a pedestal and is either afraid or doesn't want to speak frankly on the subject of the Jewish people or the Jewish State. It's a third rail the founding fathers what it found deplorable.

Time

"Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future"... Steve Miller band

I'm sticking with 45 minutes as my answer to all time related questions...that's how long it takes, how long I waits, how long it took etc. - it's part of the KISS approach to life.

If you want to get someplace on time you have to realize that things come up so allow a buffer zone.

When I lament that something's going to cost too much money, it's not so much the money that bothers me as the fact that time is money and that's what I'm running out of and though I'm running out of time at WARP speed, I still should slow down and smell the roses:)

“There never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do want to find them you're the web looked around enough to know you're the one I want to go through time”...Jim Croce

"Eternity doesn't exist even time and space will come to an end"... Scientist. *really?

Tolerance

“My mind is closed because of facts of the case are already solidly known by me”... Archie Bunker

Related to the previous post you never know what somebody else is thinking you may think you know what they're thinking and they may think they know what you're thinking but nobody really knows and Pete and if you do change your mind then even if they occasionally guess what you are thinking they may not know what you're going to think later on and vice versa but if you never change your mind then if people guess what you're thinking they know what you're thinking and that makes once again what it boils down to is getting along with people and it's hard to do if you think you're right all the time=

If we see everything in our own terms and other peoples the terms that other people see things in our invalid then how can we live in peace we must either vanquish or be vanquished when it gets down to the nitty-gritty If were in capable of changing our minds then we're probably in capable of getting along with other people very well

Torture

“We live in a mean nasty dirty world and we have to make sure we don't tie the hands of our intelligence community in accomplishing its goals”...Dick Cheney

"Did we sacrifice some of what gives us our moral superiority"... Katie Kay

“You can't handle the truth”...Jack Nicholson

Does what they euphemistically call, “enhanced interrogation”, like waterboarding, solitary confinement in tiny spaces, sleep deprivation etc. really work, or does it mostly just create monsters on one side and PTSD on the other? I don’t know.

So in addition to using electronic surveillance of our emails phone calls here and others abroad intelligence organizations also utilize lying cheating stealing bribery violence and murder when necessary this is fine and dandy I guess an extreme emergencies but for the

youth organizations to constantly be trying to increase their employment and their power is worrisome=

If the multiverse is infinite and our minds or souls are somehow tied to it, are human minds in a sense infinite universes? If so, every time we blow someone up are we destroying a universe? I think its justifiable to cull very bad humans but the regularity in which we do it is atrocious... innocent lives should be treated like not "black holes."

After the release of the CIA report in December 2014 again it seems to me the fundamentalist were mostly for torture and liberal religiously open-minded people a little more likely to be against it. The fundamentalist might say well you're benefiting from us doing it and the open people minded people should say stop, stop doing it is true sermons that and let's see how things go. Funny how the words serum and sermon rhyme...

Far is torture even the FBI disavow the techniques used by the CIA experts and interrogation said they were never going to work and they were wrong even McCain wants this report published before the Republican Senate and Congress take over and bury it forever. Since it is a bush administration was a was led by a Christian fundamentalist to believe that he was doing God's work we get back to the point that religious or is the nastiest and that of course they out Nastia's by beheading people which is the most disgusting this is thing or one of the most disgusting with the things we've seen but we certainly don't rate set the bar very high when it comes to our behavior and of course the bushes all say that there techniques were successful in getting the intelligence to capture Osama bin Laden even oh he was i not kill during the Bush era by four or five years

Is it just me or does Jose Rodriguez, the former head of the CIA's Clandestine Service, who is reportedly ran and now defends the "enhanced interrogation" process look and sound like someone straight out of the Spanish Inquisition? Yes, I know, I'm racist to say that but I'm calling it like I see it:)

Most Americans don't care how the intelligence community works it's the old thing about we don't care to know how the sausages made yes of course we don't want them going around indiscriminately killing people but American say well that's reasonable it's got to be down occasionally and I don't not a big deal if I've used ink and Arabs are tortured or kill=

Just as the police become self-perpetuating because laws are passed so that we require more police and then Mortell the same thing happens with the intelligence community they're important or necessary but they're also motivated to make themselves even more important or necessary more secure in their jobs etc. etc. and bring on more people to their jobs and do more spy work so that they need a bigger establishment

Reportedly rectal hydration was another technique used by CIA interrogators on terrorists. "CIA medical officers discussed rectal rehydration as a means of behavior control." As one officer wrote, "While IV infusion is safe and effective, we were impressed with the ancillary effectiveness of rectal infusion on ending the water refusal in a similar case," it continues." The same officer provided a description of the procedure, writing that "regarding the rectal tube, if you place it and open up the IV tubing, the flow will self regulate, sloshing up the large intestines." <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/rectal-rehydration-article-1.2039284>

Instead of rectal hydration and water-boarding, which makes sadists out of our interrogators, why not try truth serum followed by lie detector tests?

Tradition (Trapped by)

Real men truly think for themselves. They listen to others but don't take marching orders from; charlatans, hucksters or the superstitious.

Sometimes Christians fight among themselves and sometimes they put their differences aside and demonstrate great unity. That's wonderful when they're fighting a big dangerous foe but when they focus on squashing ants, I think it's unfortunate...

Trains, Planes and Subway Cars

Took the wrong train but at least got to see the NY Mets stadium and 1965 World's Fair Hemisphere. Felt like I was retracing the Seinfeld train episode route. The availability of seats should have tipped me off that I was on the wrong train:), now there're 17 more stops before arriving at Grand Central. I could switch to the express and get there sooner with fewer stops but I'd have to stand the whole way... nope:)

I could tell immediately I had boarded a commuter flight by the low ceiling and the newly forming bump on my head:)

You might get water out of one sink and soap out of another but don't expect them to work in tandem and forget about the closest paper towel dispenser working... you have to walk all over the place to wash your hands! Kind of like this voice recognition... after all these years and all their claims, it's still a freaking wreck:)

Tranquility

I used to think only dogs had nothing better to do than drive me crazy, I'm starting to think it's people too but they'd say the same about me:)

Traveling...

"I've got my ticket for the long way 'round, the one with the prettiest view, It's got mountains, it's got rivers, It's got woods that give you shivers but it sure would be prettier with you"... Lulu and the Lampshades (A.P. Carter)

"Leaves are falling all around, It's time I was on my way. Thanks to you, I'm much obliged for such a pleasant stay. But now it's time for me to go. The autumn moon lights my way"... Zep

Tribes and Natives

"Zieg heil to the president gasman, bombs away is your punishment, Pulverize the Eiffel towers who criticize your government"... Greenday

The song makes me think I would like to re-establish the Eldib tribe, though I don't know where they are or where they'd be:)

I'm not really into tribes but think tribes and nations are better than an all-powerful one world government run by a moneyed elite that is powered by ideology and rules with self-righteous zeal.

As in the Indian wars we're taught the only good Arab's a dead Arab but since we're so nice we will let them live in submission to us on reservations as long as they make and just weave rugs for tourists and keep their mouths shut.

With all due respect, the Tomahawk in the Bowie knife were not integral parts of the Indian way of life until they traded for them with the white man.

"Maybe someday when they learn Cherokee nation will return"... Paul Revere and The Raiders

Truth, Lies, Justice (show us the video!)

“We must never forget that the record on which we judge these defendants is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow. To pass these defendants a poisoned chalice is to put it to our own lips as well”...Justice Robert Jackson

“You gave me your word but words for you are lies”... Quarter Flash

**“Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent-- the Lord detests them both”...
Proverbs 17:15**

“There's always inflation, it used to be 30 pieces of silver”... Richard Burton (The Comedians)

**"The only time anything like the truth comes out is when one side goes after the other"...
Gideon Lichfield**

“There are people looking for facts, people looking for fiction and people looking for the truth”... Father Able. The problem I have with what Father Able said is that he makes it sound like looking for fact and looking for fiction are equal ways of looking for the truth.

Maybe what Pilate said should be re-examined and he shouldn't be taking it on the chin for stating the obvious

Is he who claims the patent on wisdom and the monopoly on truth in accord with the universe?

I don't think anyone's 'absolutely right' about anything and very few even think they are...but watch out for those who do.

Tongues, aliens, Bigfoot ...you tell me.

“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.” That's perfectly reasonable and maybe the gold standard. But surely the Roman soldiers knew that by nailing Jesus to the cross he would die and they very well may have known that he had not spilled anyone else's blood. Should and will soldiers ever be held accountable for taking innocent blood or are they just rendering unto Caesar like the rest of us when we pay taxes etc.?

Is it lying to repeat what you think's the truth, even when other's say it's a lie? In this case does it depend on what's provably true?

The truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth is out there somewhere but for various or nefarious reasons no person or religion has, or ever will know or relate it...

I've done wrong and made mistakes, sometimes all at the same time□

Are you a truthful person if you spread misinformation because you blindly accept what your leaders tell you, disseminate it and refuse to study the subject and any evidence other than that which they give you? Yes, I'm talking about religionists.

"It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the innocent of justice"... Proverbs 18:5

"Do not testify against your neighbor without cause-- would you use your lips to mislead?"...Proverbs 24:28

"If a king judges the poor with fairness his throne will always be secure"...Proverbs 29:14

"Though the truth may vary this ship may carry our bodies safe to shore"...Of Monsters And Men

"It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom"... Pete Seger

"These also are sayings of the wise: To show partiality in judging is not good: Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent," will be cursed by peoples and denounced by nations. But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come on them. An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips."...Proverbs 24:23-26

"Burn out the day. Burn out the night. I'm not the one to tell you what's wrong or what's right"... Blue Oyster Cult

TV and Media Matters

"That photo changed policy"... UK Prime Minister David Cameron

The news consists of talking heads, people who are suited or willing to be happy parrots orchestrated by producers who tell them what to say. The other arm of the media consists of; activists, propagandists, entertainers and shills ranging from Rush Limbaugh to George Stephanopoulos.

If a talk show host's negative 90% of the time but positive 10% in order to keep his audience hook he or she's still an asshole...

Dianne Rheem on NPR says, "you've heard the news now hear what it means for you." She announces the names of her panel of experts who will analyze the news for her audience. FOX and all the others do the same thing and there's nothing wrong with news analysis, but depending on who's analyzing it we get completely different stories. We usually allow

ourselves to be indoctrinated by one side or another but at least we have the choice to be indoctrinated by who we want to, unlike in some countries... my we've set the bar low!

Rush Limbaugh's a shill for big business but the common man loves him, because sometimes the interest of big business and the common man are the same, plus he's skillful enough to twist things around enough to fool people. Joe Six-pack is smart but Rush is brilliant... a shill who's amassed a fortune as large as most of those he represent but brilliant.

I'm watching a movie and reading the TV guide to see what else is on. Counting on my fingers I calculate that one came put 30 years ago and I remember its debut. Another one came out 40 years ago and I remember it too... "How the West was Won" came out 53 years ago, at least I don't remember that!

In How the West was won Zeb recounts asking his father if you like to fight because he thought a grizzly and his father said I just wanted to go somewhere but the grizzly was there first. Zeb's saying all that to explain why he wants to go west when his brother asks and do you want to fight injuns? PC wasn't so bad then now the smart phone doesn't even recognize the word injun... Not saying that's good or bad just that things sure have changed. Actually the movie seems pretty fair... it's today's attitudes that might not be. At least the 1962 you could tell both sides of the story, now only one side's allowed.

More coverage this weekend of the movie American Sniper as it breaks records and it's become taboo to say anything critical of it. History may eventually reveal whether or not the sniper is a hero or a merciless killer but this isn't the time for an honest debate. Whether or not America should be the world's policeman may be open and available for debate and have greater implications anyway. Maybe it's necessary to have a world policeman constantly fighting wars and maybe it is okay to have religious wars although many if not most people won't even consider the possibility that the Middle East wars are largely religious in nature. History will deal with this and when unbiased parties someday write about it in the future we may get some clarity on that and the sniper but we certainly can't have clarity now when even conversing on the subject without touting the party line leads to being called a traitor.

Here's another radio preacher on the way to Chicago with a dire warning... he says it's like a building that's on fire and there's only one door that allows you a way out and so it is with life. It's a powerful scary message and the usual technique... whether it's true I cannot say but I know it reaches the masses and everyone else.

Surfing the channels I listened for a few seconds to Phil Robertson speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference, then switched to Victoria's Secret commercial with an "angel" modeling a push-up bra. I switched back to the Duck Dynasty star thinking I should give him more of a chance... ended up skeptical of both of them:)

I wonder if I can sue advertisers when I get there stupid jingles stuck in my head? :)

Guess it's sad that I plan my evenings around which rerun of 2 1/2 men will be on and it's was even sadder when Big Bank took over the timeslot:)

Three influential characters... Rooster, Josie and James... they had style.

We now have new info options like; BBC, CCTC, Aljazeera etc., but good Americans won't them, they'll get their news from American networks only and in many cases from one in particular. The heck with other points of view or stories their favorite mouthpiece wont cover!

China central TV is smart, they've selected channel 321 which I can find in the dark and BBC's smart too cause they are the next one down.

Funny how CCTC and Aljazeera do their best to imitate our network style when they broadcast in the U.S. I'm guessing our networks keep to the American style if and when they broadcast abroad... meanwhile I doubt that Aljazeera's Qatari owners give the Arab world the liberal viewpoints they espouse here.

If you are so enamored by; a face on TV, voice on the radio or person behind a podium that you'll sacrifice your social and economic future, you're making a grave mistake. You may agree with everything they say but there's zero chance of them being right all the time. If they're right 90% of the time but virulently wrong 10% you should think twice about trading your future for their false agendas and being fodder for a cannon mouth.

This morning CNN has a segment called "Five Things You Need To Know Today", FOX has O'Reilly's "Talking Points" and all the other networks have the same things under various names. They're all intended to give us things to think about and orders to March two, not to mention grab our attention for their sponsors. The best thing we can do is watch them all, recognize the similarities, weed out the junk and march to the beat of our own drummer. Sometimes we'll march in line with other times we won't but we should never march in lock step with the any of them.

It must have been a boring news day morning because I watched a few minutes of "Imus in the Morning" - it was actually pretty good.

I'm not a big fan of FOX because they use the same tactics as the Liberals and excuse themselves for doing using so since they're outnumbered. That's probably true and a reasonable justification for their own distortions but it would be nice if they'd drop their nonsensical fair and balanced slogan but that's no likelier than the NPR or the others dropping their slogans.

The fact that the corporate media's commercial breaks are closely synchronized so that we almost have to watch is obviously well calculated by the scions. It's also an opportunity for those who aren't lazy to connect with broadcasters who may not be as beholden but the PTB are far too savvy not to take that into account so even surfing for new points of views is a challenge.

UCGR (The Euchretarian church) Philigion :)..."Utarian"

UCGR is a fusion of UU, ancient astronaut theory and Christianity...because of that its currently an underground church... big deal :)

Obey the law as much as possible and follow your conscience as much as God and the law allow... good luck:)

Ucgr may not have a congregation among other reasons because it may be forced to congregate in a prescribed manner and that's anathema.

UCGR is religiously and politically unaffiliated.

This Youkertarian sees Jesus as the "gold standard" among messianic figures but has questions about him and his teachings that no one's adequately answered for me... big deal you say.

This Youker prays to; God, Our Father who art in Heaven and sometimes to Jesus.

Sent from my iPhone=

Euchre allows you to question the Nicene creed and anything else... as Euripides said, "...question everything" and "leave no stone unturned."

There up in so many schisms of searches why should I be ashamed or embarrassed to schism of the Unitarian church I respect them but=

Like other churches UCGR will lobby for what it believes in but it will be different than what many other churches believe, making it unpopular... IMO it will be more spiritual and God seeking than both Unitarian and Christian churches, both of which are stuck in a rut.

I'd like to live amongst like-minded people but I can't find any:)

Yuker's an underground church so don't ask me where it is... I can tell you where to look but you'll have to do a little digging.

Euchre .1 is an FOAS church (Freedom of Association Separatist.) Not racist... separatist and people of any race or ethnicity are welcome*

Euchre is a hypothetical FOAS church. It can't be open to the public because current laws would not allow it to. It believes in rights the PTB does not and worships neither snipers or PC.

I'm not going to say it's about ideas not about me until I'm blue in the face because you'll never believe me anyway. Shame on me for saying it's about believing we have the right and responsibility to use our minds instead of utterly accepting existing beliefs, constructs, limitations and mental frameworks from antiquity. Shame on me for respecting and wanting to perpetuate some of the ideas of the founding fathers and a few later presidents like Abe Lincoln and??? Shame on me for respecting; Copernicus, Galileo and a many others who used their noggins instead of enshrining beliefs that may or may not be core to the universe and not always accepting that what various religions claim is literally the word of God.

Euchreville is the capital of Euchretaria

UCGR's a "what it is" church so it may want to remain underground. Being Christian's fine but that label's not my goal in life. I don't satisfy the requirements of the Constantine church but maybe I satisfy those of Christians who don't think Constantine, the council of Nicea and the Apostle's Creed are the be all and the end all. Regardless, Euchre should keep a low profile because other churches and religions are unlikely to want it to survive, much less succeed and it only takes one zealot to do all the damage in the world. Members of said zealots church or religion may not support violence but they're unlikely or unable to do much about the actions of a violent outlier and most could probably care less anyway.

(See Pascal's choice for updated information.)

Euchre believes in God but does not attempt to define him...

Euchre believes diversity is a very good thing but shouldn't be; controlled by government, special interest groups or social engineers. It shouldn't be enacted into laws and there should be no mandatory quotas related to who you must associate with or admit and vice versa.

UCGR is a "Prototype", conceptual church not a real one and it probably should never, ever be a real one.

Just as people might self deport if it's unattractive for them to live here people might self-quit the church if it's in agreement with and pandering to their agenda...

UCGR should be something like the Switzerland of Churches, neutral as much as possible when it comes to the world's religious wars. It should muster as robust a defense as possible because there are aggressors out there. So far neutrality has worked pretty good for Switzerland... whether it would work for a lowly Church is another question.

UCGR may be a sort of Deist church but it's not a religion and it is monotheistic but not adamantly so... for all I know maybe there's a committee in charge of our particular universe?

Because of its beliefs or lack thereof which are likely considered heretical by TPTB Ucgr is likely to remain an underground church for the foreseeable future.

Ucgr's position on Jesus ranges from respect to reverence and is not coercive, judgmental or legalistic.

Coptic cross Gnostics Valentinus

The Ucgr is also inspired by the Coptic cross and points towards the everlasting heavens, where humanity's future ultimately will be.

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Original_Coptic_cross.svg

Original Coptic cross

The original "Coptic cross" may have been influenced by the ankh symbol [clarification needed][1] and was adopted by early Christian Gnostics, most notably Valentinus of Alexandria,Egypt[citation needed]. Old Coptic crosses often incorporate a circle; sometimes large, sometimes small. For the Coptic Church, the circle represents the eternal and everlasting love of God, as shown through Christ's crucifixion, Christ'shalo and resurrection.[2]

I a hammer...

Ucgr embraces all honorable (peace loving) interpretations of Christian beliefs old and new but does not feel bound by those championed by Constantine's council. For what it's worth, Ucgr does not consign opposing views of Christianity or believers of other religions to the depths of hell. Ucgr acknowledges that it doesn't know God's will on this or other matters and doesn't claim to speak on behalf of God, it mostly asks him questions...

Ucgrs influences include; Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Unitarianism, Deism, Gnosticism to mention a few...also future-ism, science and science fiction.

Proposed meetings to be in Sherman, Ind. at the general store...or Purdy St. etc.

Euchre is a church with no experts on religion just seekers...

Euchre is a one-man church and is not open to the public

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Euchre increasingly believes in biblical prophecy but tries looking at it from a rational point of view and wonders why it might be occurring and if it's man or God that's the driving force.

This is my final word at the moment :), I would be honored to be called a Christian but doubt anyone legit would do that. Mostly I am a conservative spinoff of the Unitarian church and possibly reflective of what that church was when President Adams was a member. The Unitarian church can claim that more than one president has been a member but whether or not those presidents were notable is debatable, as is the question of whether those presidents would even be members of today's Unitarian church.

The Unitarian church had good intentions but like most churches, by evolution or hijacking it's morphed into something no longer attractive to some current and former members. The Old and New Testaments of the Bible will be the main book Ucgr uses but not the only one and Ucgrs interpretations are likely to be different from time to time.

I'm involved in a pepper spray ministry I give pepper spray to my daughter and she gives it to her friends. I guess that's okay but I wish she'd keep some on hand.

At the moment UCGR is trending more towards a Christian church but it doesn't entirely dismiss the Gnostic gospels and Apocrypha, nor does it totally embraced the Nicene code. It believes that prophecy may very well be playing out for one reason or another. It is a schism from the present Unitarian church and may be like that church was in colonial times, when tolerance was preached but embracing the radical causes the Unitarians embrace today probably wouldn't have been accepted.

They are powerful organizations and if you pop up on their radar they can be willing, able and sometimes anxious to be your judge and jury... they tend to leave the execution to willing outliers who can be disavowed but whose efforts are appreciated none the less.

Follow the dictates of your conscience but realize the vast limitations of your conscience and listen every bit as much to the wisdom of the ages.

A Ucgrtarian aka Umish doesn't have to declare for one side or the other. He can consider both or many sides to a debate without having to join up. As far as being a Christian church, UCGR isn't and that's partly because the church demands certain beliefs and allegiances of its members and UCGR doesn't. So it's harder to be a UCGR Christian than a UCGR Unitarian, which is a more natural extension/schism.

UCGR is a church because that's what religious gathering places have traditionally been called in this country. It's a bit of an oxymoron however in that UCGR is SRSR's church and SRSR is an attempt at rationality, which doesn't dove-tail nicely with organized religiosity.

Srsr should include a library and book store; digital online and hard copies in Nashville.

Ucgrville aka Youkerville, aka Youkerrville... (just ask Siri:))

Welcome to &@#%!=!*+^>, you've entered a 'freedom of association' zone please leave all quotas and related baggage at the door...

Euchreville should be a secular democracy with constitutionally guaranteed freedom of religion but absolute separation of church and state, and a republic, in that those who don't work but draw bennies, don't vote. Obviously being a stay at home mom or dad taking care of children is considered work.

I don't care if Muslim say that you're Muslim because your grandparents were, that's freedom of speech but if they start putting words into action we've got a problem. I think Islam teaches that but I don't know how many Muslims would pursue enforcement of that... I hope not many. At least Christian mostly just say you're going to go to hell and the vast majority are unlikely to speed you along except in extreme cases.

Look into the Connecticut Charter from 1639 and the Charter Oak.

United free states of Noumerica. And by constitutional decree no court no matter how supreme it is no president matter how Imperial here she is general the people they rule themself and man together in a common defense against tyranny foreign and domestic.

Noumerica's Free-States should be based on true freedom, equality, equal rights and equal opportunity. It should not have a basis and slavery so there should be no right or reason for quotas or affirmative-action everyone's treated the same.

Some people say this is all you need to know and others say this is what you must believe, because it's written or whatever. Often the whatever and the writings include someone's self-interest and they might be wrong.

There are also those who say this is what you must do this is what you must do you must take down the Confederate flag must not watch dukes of hazard you must change the Redskins name. The problem with this among other things like state's rights is it if you give them an inch they want to mile they will never cease their demands. In fact overtime they

will increase and become even more ridiculous until you are their slaves, resist my friend. The politically correct to join forces with them and be enslaved and Sunday some of them if they can will come running to your Free-States

No political parties, rotating leadership at all levels everybody eligible just like voting and you can opt out but not out of some kind of service

It could be a Joint stock company like Jamestown and/or the pilgrims?? or maybe like a Kibbutz but tweaked to avoid a princely class and to prevent the ills of a communist cooperative or hippie commune. It would have to be structured so it doesn't have the capacity to become parasitic while maintaining all the strength and deterrence required to avoid becoming someone else's lunch.

Turkey's military has a constitutional mandate obligation to overthrow the government if it becomes theological Youkers and said to and it should also have Application to overthrow if it divides the constitution. Spell euchre anyway that AutoCorrect spells it because it's underground; Ucgr Euchre Youker etc

Movers and shakers will always migrate to society where they can do whatever they want with their money, pass it on use, lobby etc. That's a basic weakness with euchreville and/or a good way to get rid of a potential princely hereditary (rhymes with predatory) class. Trick is to have people devoted to principles not power...and that's quite a trick.

For 500 years the Dutch have joined together to fight the sea and it's made them a great and successful people. Ucgrtarians and other pioneers join together to struggle against the cosmos, to move away from this fair planet and to come back in 1,000 years to see what's left of it or what's become of it.

I wouldn't expect Ucgrville or SRSR to be completely rational after all we are human it's impossible for us to be completely rational as far as I know and I don't know if we want to be anyway we we want to have a motion involved but we do want to be based primarily on ration reason logic is sound thinking instead of fairytales mythologyd emotion ancient grudges and other damaging baggage

Ucgrville is a pseudo-autonomous Freezone, located in the former village of Sherman, IN.

Ucgrville has unofficially seceded from the union:)

UcgrVille's necessary because it is unlikely that mass sanity will break out around here.

Ucgrville thinks it's okay to learn from experience and that political correctness should not disable a government from doing what's best for citizens in order to placate a rowdy minority or majority. Political correctness shouldn't hamstring Ucgrville, instead it should study, learn and benefit from the experience of 300 years of American history and 3,000

years of human history. Mistakes should be avoided as should overcompensating for mistakes of others via implementation of a welfare state and pandering to squeaky wheels and loud voices.

Ucgrville has a strong Constitution that is more than a “framework” for government as revisionists insist the U.S. Constitution is. As long as you are not on the dole you are productive enough to participate you don't have to own property but you cannot be on the dole. Ucgrville wants everyone to be productive and own property if they so desire and for the fewest number of people as possible to be on the dole. Only those who are truly handicapped or aged and that have paid into the system should draw benies. Everyone is invited to participate in government and society but will only allow those to participate who are at least minimally productive.

Application

This is who I would like to live with _____

This is what I can tolerate _____

This is what I can't tolerate _____

How I would fill in the blank is personal but my point is that everyone should have the right to associate with those they want and not be coerced or pressured to do otherwise... I don't advocate exercising that right arbitrarily or frequently.

Youkerville is a pseudo-autonomous republic located on 55 acres in Nashville, IN at the site of the former village of Sherman, Ind. It's the home of SRSR, UCGR, Ankhs-a-Lot and the future launch site of the Yamish Astronauts' space-yacht the Mayflower Pt.1." The destination is Alpha Centuri, where a free-will, sovereign colony called "Youkerville" will be established, based on the; goals, aspirations and principals of the original 13 colonies (minus their mistakes.)

Youkerville, will be in the state of New Indiana, in District 5 of the Space Un-Federation.

Money collected will be used to purchase a space craft for colony's flagship the Mayflower Pt.1

Immediate needs include; cash, helium, sail cloth, liquid nitrogen and cryonic dewars.

Seriously... this fund is collecting money for a space colony for supporters of the Society for the Rational Study of Religion. (SRSR.org) (www.facebook.com/srsr.org)

In the near future SRSR would like to have enough money to compete with government space programs that will undoubtedly attempt to institutionalize the same; self-serving, PC, intolerant, regimes that interfere with and control our lives on earth to eventual colonies on the Moon, Mars and elsewhere.

SRSR currently writes and lobbies for freedom of, and/or freedom from religion on earth and in "the heavens." Since it will cost billions of dollars to establish colonies in space, SRSR members may initially live on government colonies and eventually branch off into independent colonies.

SRSR believes everybody's life has meaning and respects all peaceful religions...

SRSR where you're invited to check your coat at the door, not your brain and discover that the "rational study of religion" isn't an oxymoron!

SRSR is a social group based in Indianapolis and Nashville, IN for people interested in; religion, spirituality, Biblical archaeology, history, near-death experiences, geopolitics, the supernatural etc. SRSR attendees don't proselytize or dis. other's beliefs. SRSR's purpose is sharing experiences, thoughts, information, discussions, videos and fellowship; no subject is taboo, civility's required, PC is not smile emoticon

Unions

Vacations

(La) Vagina Papers

"I smell sex and candy"...Lincoln Park

What in God's name!... if you know what I mean :)

Is it just me or does it seem that pretty girls pay for bigger bosoms and bosomy girls pay for prettier faces?

I think it's interesting the misconceptions my wife and I have had over the past 30 years about each other sexuality. I thought semen was absorbed by the body instead running back out and she's had similar misconceptions about my physiology. Some things I intentionally keep her in the dark about and vice versa I do believe.

Kind of an odd little place... :)

Kiss her with a little tongue, more if she indicates it. Next gently pinch her nipples, a little harder if she indicates. Take your time, they prefer a slow hand. Finger her gently till she's wet. Start with the missionary position, then offer her the top . Ask if you can go back door (not anal) or sideways and finish like either of those or back on top. Don't press her for oral sex, if she wants to give it she will and vice versa. These are the basics of the female sexual response, do them and you should get at least a "B" :)

The lower tummy aka the mons...a Gateway drug that should always be legal :)

We make such a big deal out of pussy that the ladies tend to over rate it. Our obsession with pussy encourages them to think it must be the greatest thing in the world and to act accordingly... it becomes a vicious circle. Let's get back on a level footing, pussy's excellent but it's not the greatest thong in the world. You see ladies, we can simulate it rather easily so please enjoy your power but don't get carried away:)

One reason for female modesty is they can't really see this very important part of their body and they're not sure they want us to see it either:)

To me, women in their 30's smell like pickles and in their 40's gun powder...don't ask me why. I don't remember what they smell like in their 20's or their 50's...

It is what it is and I don't know what the heck it is:)

Another amateur observation... despite their apparent indifference and steely eyed solicitude, women are actually quite a raucous bunch. Heck just look at all their tattoos... even the "good girls" now have them in their secret places... I think they think it makes them hotter:)

I'm not saying women are deniers and exploiters of nature at the same time but... they seem to have a harder time accepting their wild side than we do, even as they run rough shod over us... but I don't blame them, it's the least they can do to us in return for all we do to them.

One of the funniest nature videos I've ever seen is two gorillas doing it missionary style...her stubby little legs were sticking straight up:)

"She can stay except for the time of month when she's shedding her uterine lining and is impossible to be around"...Sheldon Cooper

I've heard it referred to as a self-cleaning oven... have you looked inside your oven lately?

You can't get a good look at it unless she cooperates! Boobs on the other hand are no problem, they're easy to see and little effort is made to hide them. She less likely to show you her pussy and due to Mother nature's positioning, you're can't get a good look without

her unlikely cooperation. Heck why would she, she can't see it without a mirror and seems a bit unsure of things.

Lower lady Tummies... yummys :)

Is the fact that the maidenhead is split right down the middle an indication of the inherent violence of the sex act? Some say sex is intrinsically violent and there's some truth to that, even though it can also be the most tender and loving of activities.

What does a valentine really look like anyway? :)

She's always explaining stuff to me about female this and female that, which is interesting but not the stuff I'm most interested in. It's the stuff she leaves out that I want to know... I think she leaves me clueless on purpose!

I appreciate a little thigh gap as much as the next guy, but darling that's too much!
Discover the pleasures of food my dear and I don't mean celery:)

Learn the four basic positions, use your fingers and on occasion use your tongue. They would like but don't insist on mastery but they do expect that you're willing to give it your best shot. The Kuma Sutra's not necessary but you need to have more imagination than just the missionary position. They're a fickle funny bunch that just want to have fun:) Speaking of fun, I think it's funny that they tend to repress discussion of these matters in mixed company or public but expect us to know all about it :)

There's no delicate way to say this but I'll try, I think with my penis you think with your vagina. Maybe it has to do with our brains, instincts, genes or whatever. I'm not ashamed of it and think maybe we can overcome it but then again maybe we shouldn't... and maybe there is a more delicate way to say it such as I have a male brain you have a female one and sometimes the twain shall meet:)

Smitten or infatuated versus obsessed, is there a difference? Yes with the first two you have a choice in the matter...

My penis wants to go there so badly :)

Look at you all soft and tender and nuggies everywhere :)

I don't always get into the pie but I sure like to rub the lower tummy☺

Sometimes afterwards, it would smell like a gun that's just been fired:)

"I search myself, I want you to find me, I forget myself, I want you to remind me...

When I think about you I touch myself"... Divinyls

“I want to feel you from the inside...its' your sex I can smell” - Nine Inch Nails

“You let me penetrate you, you let me complicate you”... INXS

“Baby, when you walk that way, what on it drip, can't keep away”... ZEP

Values

The fact that so many things that were the; law, norm, custom or acceptable since antiquity are now considered; passé, immoral or mental illness, makes me wonder about both the past and the present:)

“I just can't return advance money to the publisher, I'd feel bad about”, the writer said. Ironical that people feel bad about so many things, but vote for or support bombing men women and children when “necessary.”

Vegans

“Listen kid if we get out of here alive I'm going to kill you" ... Sarge from the Poseidon adventure?

How to go vegans don't want us to eat meat but what about dogs and dog food are they going to have them all vegetarians probably and what about lions and tigers and bears and the worms that eat our bodies I guess you could cremator about it but then you're starving the worms to death and less you start making Chow for all the worms in the worldBut I guess there a point is those things that are controllable should be controlled like what people he not what worms were lions and tigers eat although they might want dogs to become vegetarians. The broader point is that they want control what you eat and they want control of other things you do and other people want control of other things you do. everybody wants control of what you do resist brother, resist

Violence

Men are more likely to be violent but women are just as likely as men to vote for, or sanction it.

There's two types of people out there... those who love killing and those who love killing people who need killing... okay there's more than types that.

Regarding today's report about sexual violence in Afghanistan where it's said that young boys are chained to beds, raped and used as sex slaves and American troops are threatened with punishment if they intervene... if it's true then it's evidence that Afghan society and the men doing this or allowing it are sick, sick, sick, sick, sick and God only knows how horrible the sexual and domestic violence against Afghan women is.

Sam Colt is credited with making all men equal because a 98 pound weakling hasn't a snow balls chance against against a 300 pound fighter. In the animal kingdom the weight range within a species rarely ranges so widely and all the members have the same training. Those who'd repeal the Second Amendment would take the time honored right to self-defense away from people, which free men have always wanted and died fighting tyrants and ne're do wells to protect. On the other side of the coin, there's always been the problem of misuse of the right to bear arms be it an AR-15 now or a heavy rock in prehistoric times. Now it's worse because while a caveman could sneak up and dispatch someone with a rock, a nut case now can kill 50 or 100 people with a gun or a bomb.

Strange but though shall not kill seems either a quaint old fashioned notion or to mean absolutely nothing to many people I know. Either this may be one of the least Christian nations in the world or selected to do God's dirty work. Of course I could be completely wrong after all I haven't been in many other nations. Or we might just be killing people who need killing like John Wayne or whoever it was used to say. All I know is that our foreign policy involves death feeling pretty much always has, as has our domestic policies toward natives in our first several hundred years. Be it foreigner domestic "enemies" we tell him to stay on the reservation and mind their manners or else As far as politicians to vote for, it's pretty hard to find anyone running with a chance of winning who isn't something of a death dealer... either it's what makes us great or we're acting as the hand of a very tough God...but I keep thinking of much we're like the Romans.

I don't care if you're intolerant in your heart or mind as long as you keep it there... but that's not always how it works.

Men are always available to do dirty work regardless of how many of their brothers they have to wrong and how counterintuitive to a man's best interest the job is. We'll do it for kings, queens, presidents, feminists, activists or whoever because there's bills to pay and sadly many find killing fun.

There are two kinds of people in the world, aggressive and passive aggressive...even the saints.

Weather is abortion assisted suicide or acceptance that we will police and bomb the world there is a psychological price for adherence of all of these. I don't know which category pays the highest price I would think that all are a bell curve somebody who terminate a pregnancy after a week probably doesn't suffer psychologically like when a woman who terminates in the third trimester. Someone who assist somebody is horribly ill and suffering to end their life probably doesn't suffer nearly as much as somebody who help somebody who's healthy and their life. And somebody who fights Isis probably doesn't suffer like somebody who drops bombs on innocent children. Sent from my iPhone=

Since humans have self-awareness when we get mad at people, too often we want them to really suffer. Animals might get mad, attack and want to hurt you in the moment but they're unlikely to sit up a night thinking about ways to make your life miserable for eternity or for rest of your life.

Voice Wreck-ognition

Siri not only edits she also censors...

Siri's voice wreck-ignition is legendary but does she edit what we say, or God forbid censor? Of course not!

Voting

"The American voter is stupid"... Jonathan Gruber

I'm more likely to fight for people's constitutional rights than for their voting rights because as often as not, votes are used to take away constitutional rights.

Sometimes I vote with my feet, sometimes with my remote and sometimes with my Colt...

Franklin said "a republic if you can keep it", suggesting that he wasn't a proponent of a purely popular vote where the majority rules the lives of everyone. In fact I find it utterly ridiculous to give away our rights to others simply because they outnumber us.

They may be "wonderful" people but we're crazy to let them rule simply because they outnumber us at the poles.

We have low information voters here and we have high information voters that I information voters are the ones that push the agenda below information lines are the ones that implement and do the dirty work

A \$50 limit on cash contributions to election so that virtually anyone can contribute equally. What you should be able to do in an unlimited manner is knock on doors for your candidate... I'd like to see Edelman and the Kochs do that:)

Weather

“Ain't no change in the weather ain't no changes in me”...Leonard Skynyrd

It's cold as heck here today and most Hoosiers will probably stay inside but Canadian's might step out their door on a day like this and say what a beautiful freaking day!

It's raining torrentially so does that make today sucks or should I be happy that I'm getting a free car wash? :)

“And soon if we're lucky we'll be able unable to tell what's yours and mine the weathers fine”... Blues Traveler

WEB

Weeds Etc.

What came first?

“You raise the blade, you make the change

You re-arrange me 'til I'm sane

You lock the door

And throw away the key

There's someone in my head but it's not me”... Pink Floyd

I'm still not sure what came first the chicken or the egg but for me Christianity wins most religious debates... although not scientific ones. I wish that I had faith that didn't waiver but maybe that will come someday.

Whether it's a December 16, 2014 Taliban attack in Pakistan it killed 140 schoolchildren or the airstrikes they probably killed 140 Tallahalla been children or the terrorist attacks hear that here they're that great of the kill people or the airstrikes that counter them we all as we never asked what came first the chicken or the egg we just keep countering once again

Are the problems that we face simple or complex and are the solutions simple or complex? People argue on both sides and I would ask, what came first the chicken or the head? We should neither oversimplify nor over complicate the world's problems and hopefully the solutions... regardless of the size or nature of a conflicts and whether it's between nations or individuals.

Wholly Men... (of God?)

"And the three men I admire most

The Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost

They caught the last train for the coast

The day the music died"...Don McLean

"Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies and everyone goes...Brother Love's Travelling Salvation show..."- Neil diamond

"Fearing not that I'd become my enemy

In the instant that I preach

My pathway led by confusion boats

Mutiny from stern to bow"... Bob Dylan

It's easier to support the killing and displacement of heathens in the Middle East, then curb our; adultery, drunkenness and various other sins. Pastor may not like you doing that but he says you're forgiven as long as you support letting the Israelis do anything they want... for the time being.

Wholly men have long used magic to impress their audiences and achieve legitimacy. Whether it's turning staffs into snakes or modern miracles, wholly men are often at least passable at the art of prestidigitation.

The pope came to America this month (Sept. 2015) and the crowds are enormous but according to some he's going to hell because he doesn't speak in tongue's, believe in "oneness" or whatever...strange world.

I know of no man who was perfect; Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln? No, no and no. Jesus... I don't know and for a variety of reasons I can't say...

People in control tell you how to write and speak. The framework, syntax, wording, style phraseology, expressions and worst of all the contents and ideas. If you don't stick with that you're called a sociopath or grandiose, cultish and heretical. I say the heck with them... we should be free and unhindered to write as we please and it doesn't mean we are those things, we are play exercising our minds as God intends us to do in which the PTB have always tried to hinder! Don't ever forget it and don't let them stop you from exercising free will, use it responsibly according to the dictates of your conscience (not according to theirs) and listen to the wise men and women who have come before you and that are also among you now. And oh yes, watch your backs because the PTB their minions as always are a treacherous lot!

Joan of Arc was burned at the stake and 500 years later declared a saint, Galileo was imprisoned by the church which eventually erected a statue of him and then took it down.

Oh ye of so much faith, you live by the iron rod rule and condemn so many to the hell that it rules your life. For you punishment and fear are your guideposts And your obsession with heaven and especially hell colors how you see the world and interact with others. It's a sad state of affairs and the hoax that you live by prevents you from loving anything but your cult. You will read this and automatically resort to your only superpower violence and either demand blood or say so sad he's going to hell. Fear and insecurities rule your lives and you are intent on them ruling everyone else's as well.

From time to time everyone's a ying yang. Be it from alcohol, drugs, religion or just being high on life, everyone's been known to act the fool... and everyone thinks their method's "the right one."

So Mr. pastor that's why don't follow you and the other reason is I have yet to hear one of you say US government stop blowing people up maybe half the people that the government is blood going around the world blow it up need to be blown up I don't know maybe you have a quarter three quarters & 90% but it's open to debate but you don't debated and you don't protested I have yet to hear one of you say US government stop blowing people up or be more careful about it or anything you're fully fledged it seems behind blowing up anybody out there yeah...

If go around telling people they're going to burn in hell if they don't do what you say or your people are chosen over theirs etc., there will be a variety of reactions. They may do as you tell them, be turned off or even call you names, which shouldn't be a surprising response to someone trying to scare the daylights out of them based on "facts" that are pretty hard to prove.

On the first station they're talking about how you have to be baptized or you won't go to heaven on the second they're debating was the wine that Jesus made one part water and for parts one part wine four parts water one part wine in three parts water so they're all over the place. The point being that they want to have things they want to have their cake and eat it too blah blah

Want to "be like a saint?" Then act like a person who knows there's only there's only a couple months to live. Chances are you'll give a lot more thought to how you'll be remembered and that's a powerful incentive for doing the right thing. Problem is it usually takes a real brush with death for this to work and even then it's rarely permanent. Regardless, I don't recommend regular brushes with death:)

I got a lot out of the marriage thing Bible study the only thing that I really remember not liking was the statement by Pastor Jimmy Reeves? that, "anything not in the Bible is inequity." That reminds me of things like if you're not a Christian, "your life has no meaning" and the obsession some people have about whether or not others are Christians. I'm not Christian by most standards but I wish you wouldn't worry, become agitated or feel sorry for me because you think my life is "meaningless."

So everyone's life is meaningless except for the members of your religion? I don't know if that's; true, sad or poppycock but whether you realize it or not it causes problems for the people around you. We must adopt your beliefs, consider you nuts, or perhaps suffer depression... with all due respect, I opt for the nuts option.

"It is what it is" applies to messiahs in my book because although you say your Messiah, Prophet or savior is the God of the universe or whatever, to me they are what they are and that means to some people they're God etc. but to others they're something totally different and I'm not convinced that either side is entirely correct. For example is Jesus who you say he is or who the Talmud says he was? Are you enlightening or mostly just frightening

people? Millions have been killed in the name of religion and the number grows higher each day and though each side blames the other, everyone's doing it.

James McDonald says you're a false teacher if blah, blah, blah so what about the different denominations and their different interpretations of the Bible? Are they all wrong if they disagree with him, and only okay if they agree with the Nicene creed? Were American preachers false teachers 200 years ago when they justified slavery, or is McDonald the false teacher for preaching slavery's wrong even though arguably it was okay in the Bible? Of course it's wrong now, then and forever...

Came across Alistair Beggs radio show a while back, the topic of which was something about "Passing on the truth." In the Glasgow, UK born preacher slammed the Hari Krishna's teachings as satanic. I'm not an expert on them but couldn't help wondering if he's "Passing on the truth" or "passing" on the truth... A month or two later I came across him again, this time talking about how many people are "acquainted with the truth" but not "arrested by it." I agree it's better to be arrested by the truth than just acquainted but wonder if he's disseminating the truth or something else. I agree the Bible contains great wisdom but whether it's the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth is questionable to many people with inquiring minds.

"Mr. Beggs the truth" went on to warn against "an unhealthy interest in controversial subjects" and I wondered who decides what level of interest is healthy versus unhealthy? If it's; society, religionists, judges or anyone other than the individual, then IMO "Houston we have a problem." Al's admonishment seems to me to be the same tried and true method of keeping people in line by squelching inquiry into religion's claims and proclamations. He spent a fair amount of time calling people names, conceited etc. for daring to have "an unhealthy interest in controversial subjects", once again if you don't accept his vision and version of God you're doomed, so watch your back...

It's true that every Christian has a reason to be and it is to spread the gospel whether not that gospel is The truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth to many of us is questionable and we will debated despite your warnings that we will probably go to hell for doing so because God gave us brains enough to wonder.

He may be the gold standard but as a common man I had up Silver standard which is The revised golden rule and not giving away the farm but being fair. But maybe the God of the universe wants that gold standard that Jesus preach give away everything you have to the pool or give your code do everything in excess maybe that's what God wants if we are spiritual beings them in the long run that's all that matters so the silver standard may very well for short my only question is is the God of the universe of the Bible the same or not what were they extraterrestrials it came here claiming to be God and are there inaccuracies

in inconsistencies in the Bible that does make me think that the claims are spurious or at least not 100% the gospel truth

Could it be that attributing problems to demons is an ancient way of blaming others for difficulties or worse? I don't know the answer but notice it's still widely used today.

I'm reading the book of Proverbs and Solomon certainly was a wise old man but he also beat a lot of dead horses...

Did God allow the Chinese to invent gun powder or was it just evolution of science and thought or an accident. Then did he allow Europeans to capitalize on that invention and create canons of great power instead of them being invented in the East?

Per A.W. Tozer's quote... I disagree; in general, point by point and categorically:)

Seek ye the face of God, seek the truth and follow the clues wherever they lead. Trust not man, woman, fantastic claims or relics...they all can lie.

Watching the various televangelists I can only guess that they range from legitimate, well intentioned good men and women to complete fraudsters intent on fleecing the flock... case in point this morning might be the "Prophet Manasseh Jordan"...wow!

I have attended church for many years and have yet to hear a pastor say, "stop blowing people up!"

One theory is that a few people found out along a long time ago that there's lots of money and power to be made in answering the great questions of mankind and as long as they made the answers good or scary enough most people would believe and do their bidding – making them rich and powerful.

I doubt that God uses shysters... I rest my case.

Just as you don't hear much from moderate Muslims, most of what you hear from Christians is from fundamentalists as well. I don't know if they're much more moderate, they also have an Apocalyptic view of history and also tend to be well armed. Our fundamentalists would also like to control the government and if they do they'll be sitting on the most powerful nuclear arsenal in the world.

Every religion says there's much more to life than money and all say murder is wrong. Where they differ is in the minutiae and that's where they win some and lose others.

I'm not sure the great modern religions are much different than the more ancient religions. There's still authority, punishment and rewards. Whether or not these constants are true or false isn't the question I'm asking. Just pointing out that they are the constants. Much of

the rest is wrapping paper and different holy actors. They all agree there's good and evil and that they've chosen wisely and they're the good guys... it's a constant.

The other constant among the great religions is that they're started by one or a few guys or gals who claim they've been selected for the task by God. These holy men become in-questionable unchallengeable and unapproachable. They take some existing wisdom, give it a new spin and tell the people to believe it or else. Time after time throughout history the worker bees and soldier ants have lapped up the dew!

“There was a woman in the jungle and a monkey on a tree, The missionary man he was followin' me, He said, "Stop what you're doin', get down upon your knees, I've a message for you that you better believe"... Eurythmics

“When your dreams all fail and the ones we hail are the worst of all the blood's run stale I want to hide the truth, I want to shelter you, But with the beast inside, There's nowhere we can hide"... Imagine Dragons

“That's a fine looking high horse what you got in the stable?"... Hozier

“I label you, you label me so I don't be unforgiven"...Metallica

Willpower

Winter Freaking Wonderland!

WIP IT GOOD!

I might have had a constituency hundred years ago and I might have 100 years from now but in this day and age I probably don't.

Platform of the WIP

Unabashadly for Fortress America

Unabashedly questioning being policemen to the world

The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights should never be abridged.

Retroactively repeal the 14th amendment going back 10 years at least...

Every chance I get I'll vote for the wip but it doesn't mean I worship idolize or even agree with Washington on all things but he does inspire me

There are people who from an early age work hard to achieve power, wealth and influence and there are many others who just want to survive economically and be left alone. The problem is that the former is a much smaller group but it controls the latter group, which doesn't like being ordered around but that seems to be the way things have always worked...

If one group's freedom or ascent might cause another group's descent, demise or loss of power, there's going to be a problem.

I'm not saying feminism, good old boys, black power or anything else needs to be crushed, just that everybody should be treated equal... across the board.

That being said, is it a contradiction or hypocrisy to say that males have given up their rights and the farm because they've been duped into thinking they owe it to the downtrodden of the world? Others who traditionally trade freedom for security have convinced them they should too...but when you trade freedom for anything you get screwed...I can't wait till the pendulum swings back around.

Special rights for no one, equal rights for everyone. Everyone faces challenges, they're just different depending on if you're male, female, black, white, Asian or whatever. The fact that so many males self-destruct could be construed to indicate that males deserve special rights but that would be called ridiculous, which it is... as are special legal rights for anyone. Everyone deserves equal rights and equal and adequate protection. If a class of people is being preyed upon it may be due to laws, enforcement or a justice system that doesn't deter aggression. If there isn't a disincentive, then criminals will prey on the weak... are you for deterrence and disincentives for criminal behavior?

PLATFORM

Equal rights for everyone, special rights for no one.

We probably need NSA domestic surveillance if we are going to slay monsters abroad and hold permanent alliances to guarantee other countries security. This may be what we should be doing or it may not. If we follow the advice of Washington and Adams we probably wouldn't be the world's policeman, it's a debate worth having instead of it being the de facto status quo. Washington and Adams might've been right then and wrong now or our leaders might be wrong now... let's talk about it.

Freedom of speech without an *.

Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, property rights, no confiscation or re-distribution of the fruit of ones labor.

Freedom of Association and no government quotas of any kind.

No coercion to associate and no pressure not to associate with anyone... free choice without consequences from officialdom.

Guardian committee for the Constitution with power to trump SCOA, POTUS and Congress.

Reform the welfare system to break the cycle of dependence on the government. Other than people who are; absolutely, verifiably and truly disabled, anyone receiving welfare should do some type of work commensurate with the benefits they receive.

Gradual and free emigration to outer space, gradual return of our troops from all over the world allowing countries and opportunity to get their ducks in a row before we leave but on a very determined timeline and if they blow it they blow it. Here in the US on for controlling the border strengthening to turn etc. etc. as I've said before and for peace prosperity and for citizens to take responsibility for their own lives and not rely so heavily on the government and especially not to rely so heavily on other tax payers

Jobs filled by illegal immigrants should be filled by American's who are receiving welfare.

Legal immigration to be strategically designed to bring in people who will fill necessary jobs, without taking them from American citizens who want to work or are on the dole and should work. Test for whether illegals stay or go determined largely by whether or not they are on public assistance.

Elimination of anchor baby laws and tax breaks related to so called dependent children outside of the U.S.A.

Increase in state's rights, reduction of federal power over the states.

Reform of voter laws, so recipients of large amounts of welfare benefits get no vote or half a vote... exact ratio to be determined by the tax paying electorate.

Super-rich to be taxed much more progressively with the proceeds going towards; border security, national defense, infrastructure improvements and R & D for medical and other worthwhile technologies. Proceeds will not be "redistributed" to welfare, except for people who are; absolutely, verifiably and truly disabled.

Great wealth (exact amount to be determined by the electorate) not to be passed to heirs or used to influence government policy, it should be treated the same as the income of the super- rich. Tax policies should make the establishment of a "princely" class impossible.

No white supremacists, no wife supremacists, no black supremacists... no supremacists.

Freedom of religion and no state religion.

Foreign policy not to be based on religion, no involvement in religious wars.

No permanent foreign alliances, official or otherwise.

Job of federal government is to secure the border and defend against all antagonists.

Preservation of the Second Amendment with stronger steps to keep weapons away from criminals and the mentally ill.

Term limits for all elected and appointed officials including all judges.

Child custody and community property laws to be tweaked.

Government stays out of bedrooms and LGBTs not to make or interpret law for straights.

Government surveillance of citizens to be eliminated, only exception is in criminal cases with a court order.

Unionization to fight robber barons encouraged, excesses of unions discouraged.

Protection of the environment, intelligent stewardship of the nation's natural resources.

Hard core porn allowed or outlawed as per community standards, youth shielded from all porn.

Real time for real crimes... severe sentences for; murder, rape, armed assault and pedophilia.

Juveniles and the mentally ill/challenged charged and punished the same as normal adults for violent crimes.

Radical reform of the legal system including allowing all evidence to be heard no matter where it's from and no matter how old it is, since some people and lawyers are using various "protections" to repeatedly file frivolous law suits and to get hardened criminals off the hook.

Even double jeopardy should be allowed if that's what it takes for justice to be served.

Violent criminals given hard labor and long prison terms, with no perks.

Make violent prisoners pay for their room and board.

Decriminalization of drugs and re-criminalization of crime.

Non-violent drug offenders released from prison.

Prison gangs treated with extreme prejudice.

Death penalty allowable in heinous cases.

Abortion allowable only in the earliest stages of pregnancy.

Maintain the most powerful military in the world but one that is not used to further the agendas of special interest groups.

No permanent alliances, avoid foreign entanglements and resist slaying monsters abroad.

Emphasis on survival and coexistence but no capitulating to special interest groups.

When a problem comes along, you must WIP it!

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“So likewise, a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter, without adequate inducement or justification” George Washington 1796

The pope who's probably just a man pontificates... need I say more? Maybe there is more to say since a billion or so Catholics think that he has the authority lay down the law as if it's coming from God per his and his advisors interpretation of the Bible... hmm.

"If you don't have reverence for evidence then all you have is ideology"... Russ Holtz?

Wisdom

“Many times I've lied, many times I've listened and many times I wondered how much there is to know”... Zeppelin

Yes the Bible has great wisdom but I wonder if it's because it was inspired directly from God, was the wisdom of the ancients or if it came somehow from the universe? In this infinite, timeless universe where the important things are the same yesterday, today and forever the same things have probably been going on an infinite number of times in many places, times and universes. If it's all relative then it's logical that said wisdom surrounds us like ether... we just need to look, listen and stop ignoring it.

The thing about saying smart things is that hardly anyone catches them and the problem with saying stupid things is that no one misses them... they're like fielding slow grounders.

Working for a Living.... (and taking what they're giving)

"The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender"... Vince Lombardi

"Remember, nothing that's good works by itself, just to please you. You have to make the damn thing work"...Thomas Edison

I know every crack in these dirty sidewalks of Broadway

Where hustle's the name of the game

And nice guys get washed away like the snow and the rain

There's been a load of compromisin'

On the road to my horizon

But I'm gonna be where the lights are shinin' on me

Larry Weiss (Rhinestone Cowboy)

Watch out for co-workers with big mouths and brown noses...

"It's the end of the world and I feel fine" but I've got to stop singing it this morning or I'll lose my voice... got appointments you know.

It's 1:15 Monday and all I've done is answer an email... somehow I thought it was a three day weekend and the day's completely gotten away from me :)

Donkey, mule or race horse, we're still a beast of burden. Capitalism's better than communism but without checks and balances it's too exploitive and it's not just the Uber rich to blame it's all of us who've invested and hope to retire comfortably...

It's best to earn money working for other families or companies but when it's mutually beneficial to family members in the long run... keep the dough in-house. And though all opinions should be considered, the person footing the bill should be decider-in-chief.

Work is like school, I'm not as interested in making the honor roll as in passing the class. According to Mr. Dick that makes me a bad person, according to me I'm just more interested in extracurricular activities :)

Perhaps the most notable thing I've learned from watching "How it's Made" is the grinding repetition, monotony and forced fast pace of many factory jobs. I suppose some people are fine or okay with that and it probably drives others crazy, but if the alternative is factory automation then what's the solution?

This one's the proverbial jackass of all trades...

It's better to be a tool user than a tool...as long as you're not using people.

There a good reason plumbers and electricians are licensed, as there's a lot to learn to do those jobs properly. Screwing up a plumbing job can leave you knee deep in poop or drowned and messing up electrical can kill you even faster.

Automation and immigration are double whammies for unskilled and semiskilled labor. Factories, agriculture even offices increasingly use robots or automated equipment to make things and when people are still needed, cheap immigrant labor is sought or products are made overseas. The investor class gets richer and laborers get poorer. The solution on an individual basis is obtaining an education or skills in a field that still pays well and if possible be your own boss. The immigrants come mostly from south of the border into the US, from Africa and the Middle East into Europe and from the hinterlands to the industrial cities of China and other Asian countries.

Competence...it's a lost art:)

Not a damn thing works around here but where there's a will there's a way...

Watching the baseball factory on "How It's Made" reminds me of the show on the automotive seat factory where people had 81 seconds to perform their task. In these and many other types of factories, people work like machines at incredible rates so investors and owners can compete, pay the bills, make a profit or get rich as hell. Why don't we slow down these factories a bit? Competition, the availability of replacement workers and factory automation... and oh yes, greed...something should give.

If you punch a clock you're a grazing animal, if you're self-employed you're a hunter and it's feast or famine. Grazing animals need only put their heads down to feed but end up as a hunter's lunch. Clock punchers put their nose to the grindstone and get paid for as long as they're needed but the boss, like a wolf can chew them up and spit them out at his leisure. The self-employed are more likely to starve but can also get rich.

In business, target people with money. Willie Sutton didn't rob soup kitchens he robbed banks. Knock on the right doors, go to the right neighborhoods. If you're going to be a ministry it's different but if you're a for profit business it's another. If you want to be a homeowner you'll have bills to pay and altruism will have to play second fiddle to the wolf at your door.

Be meticulous not ridiculous, remember there's a point of diminishing returns, sobriety helps a lot and measure twice to cut once :)

What I'd like to know is why working men allow Michael Savage and his ilk, who haven't done a day's worth of manual labor in their lives decide what's best for them?

Zig inspires, Wiener conspires he strikes me as a mean spirited closet dweller... his criticism of Israel is surely a subterfuge and his gay bashing may be as well. Ted Cruz signed up for Obama care which may or may not make him a hypocrite, Mike changed his name to Savage but it doesn't make him noble, he's a Weiner through and through.

Weiner's smart but bases his show and humor on ridicule, complaints, insults and meanness...it's amazing a man can be so much like his real name! He hooks his audience with some good points, then pollutes their minds with meanness, cruelty and disrespect for anyone who disagrees with him.

It's one thing to question people but

Stop listening to talk show host who are whiners buzz kill and places where happiness goes to die it can't help but rub off on you=

American workers face the double whammy of automation and globalization where jobs move to low-cost countries. It only takes a fraction of the number of workers to produce most products compared to a 100 years ago and since capital can move easily, the captains of industry move those few manufacturing jobs to wherever they can pay the lowest possible wage.

The problem frugal folks have is being penny wise and pound foolish... *#it happens.

He's making me jump through hoops, talked me into do a PowerPoint, adding visuals, teleconferencing once a week and an interim, interim report... I must be crazy! I keep asking myself "who is this guy?" We're gonna have to take this to the bitter end and I'm also wondering, is it better to work with overly demanding customers or spend more time prospecting for new ones?

"Asking only workman's wages I come looking for a job but I get no offers"... Simon and Garfunkel

"As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed"... Proverbs 26:14

"We don't have a lot of time on this earth! We weren't meant to spend it this way! Human beings were not meant to sit in little cubicles staring at computer screens all day, filling out useless forms and listening to eight different bosses drone on about mission statements!"... Peter Gibbons (Office Space)

Wrestling with Racism

Per the PC police it's correct to say that the only difference between blacks and whites is the amount of melatonin in their skin. I agree there is a difference in the amount of melatonin in their skin but wonder if that has anything to do with any other differences like fast twitch muscle or aggression related hormones per the Fox experiment... pretend I didn't say that:)

Writing

Nobody reads my books nobody buys my T-shirts and nobody goes to my church... I'm starting to see a pattern :)

I'm writing to whoever's interested which at the moment is no one:)...

Yes, everything I say is open to criticism as it should be... because I'm human.

I write because I'm usually the minority and it's moot to take on ten people preaching to their choir...

I also write because I want to help people... don't laugh I'm serious :)

I guess my books are no good because they don't sell but I still shower, shave and go out on the town:)

Okay I admit I would like to leave my mark on society, but we're discouraged from saying that unless our mark is PC enough to be approved by the powers that be and not ruffle too many feathers.

I probably won't publish many of my thoughts at this time because of the grief it would cause me and my family and some of my grief probably a great deal of it would come at the hands of my family the rest at the hands of "" true believers

Like many writers I'd like to rank with the best but due to the subject matter I'm called heretical, vain glorious or worse. I'm not intentionally judging the tide of history just marveling and trying to understand it in a personal context. By personal I mean in a way I can find personally relevant as opposed to in a context foisted on me by the several dominant competing/cooperating groups that select acceptable opinions for us.

Copernicus published his book on his deathbed because of the political theological climate of his time...

We who aspire write things down because we think these things might change the world. They seldom do but we do it none the less.

The only book I've written that didn't sell a copy was Who Would Jesus Bomb? Apparently that question is irrelevant which I can't control so I don't mind it not selling but I wonder if the question's irrelevant for the right reasons?

June 14, 1775 is the birthdate of the establishment of the US army with George Washington as it's leader and a year later on June 14, 1776 is the birthdate of the American flag.

Finally figured it out, I'm writing for my great, great grandkids, if I have any, or for their generation if I don't:)

Believe it or not I write because I want to help people most of all I want to help them live in peace and they might best live in peace if they don't think they are a; master race, chosen people, "better off not better" or any other subterfuge masking or related to the belief that one's self or group is superior to others.

There are verbal story tellers and there are writers and there're are the really talented who can do both... I wish I was one of them :)

I'm wrong about a lot of things, maybe most things but saying that isn't good for book sales...ha, ha, me talking about books sales!

I don't so much wrestle with the subjects as ponder them...well, maybe not.

Who cares if you remembered for centuries when that's insignificant in light of us probably living in a multi-verse where time is infinite. Centuries barely count so let's do things for better reasons than fame be it short term or long. I don't know if this minor philosophic point is humility or practicality but since I believe we're basically self-centered it's probably not humility :)

In life as in writing, if you don't expect anything but disrespect from your critics you won't be disappointed when that's all you get. Don't let them get your goat, understand that they have a role to play, let them play it, learn from them and keep on keeping on.

I'm increasingly using smiley faces :) :)because I want people to know when I'm joking, being nuanced or tongue in cheek... that's because now days the people I'm around seem to have turned deadly serious.

Sure I'd like to change society but ultimately society has to change itself and its unlikely to do that while in the eye of the storm.

Why don't I lobby, agitate or run for office? For one thing, I have credibility problems with most people... I'm not a bona fide Christian, I work for the Japanese, I'm half

Egyptian, I'm white, middle-aged, male... etc. Despite all that, so far I can't get arrested in this town and that's fine:) I have no credibility with most groups and the price for spouting off is probably higher than any good that might come from it. My cost-benefit analysis says just write and let the chips fall where they may if they ever do.

Maybe I might as well just talk to people about things that are controversial because they end up hearing about what you think say or write anyway and you lose him his friends regardless so might as well engage.

Or maybe you can find help or salvation through Jesus or another religious savior. You can even contact Savage or Rush and see if they can recommend a therapist in this area, there's nothing wrong with that and it may be better to find someone other than the people you actually know since it will be more private.

Copernicus didn't make extraordinary claims of divine knowledge etc. and he waited till after he died so the publication of the book would not get his family in so much trouble but he managed to influence thinkers and scientists who came after him and make an impact on the world... he sounds like a nice guy and I like his business model:)

I like the Copernicus model because I don't think God is speaking in my ear so I'm not compelled to proclaim things to the world. Why put one's head on the block primarily for the entertainment of others? They say that if you think you have something important to say, you owe it to society to say it. I agree with that up to a point but despite having opinions, they're not intense enough to volunteer for the block... but's that's not necessarily a personal decision.

I'm having a groundhog day I've stepped in the through the same puddle three times....:)

If you want to be a messianic figure you have to really put your neck on the line but Copernicus achieved quite a bit and didn't expose his neck quite so much. He may have been in danger for his theories but not as much as those messianic figures who in a few cases dramatically changed the world... for better or worse.

There are many subjects for which there seem to be only one or two acceptable opinions. I sometimes have a different and therefore "inappropriate" opinion. In these cases I'd rather write than talk.

People in control tell you how to write and speak. The framework, syntax, wording, style phraseology, expressions and worst of all the contents and ideas. If you don't stick with that you're called a sociopath or grandiose, cultish and heretical. I say the heck with them... we should be free and unhindered to write as we please and it doesn't mean we are those things, we are play exercising our minds as God intends us to do in which the PTB have always tried to hinder! Don't ever forget it and don't let them stop you from exercising free

will, use it responsibly according to the dictates of your conscience (not according to theirs) and listen to the wise men and women who have come before you and that are also among you now. And oh yes, watch your backs because the PTB their minions as always are a treacherous lot!

Although I care very much about my own loved ones I think a man's job shouldn't just be to do what's good for his people but also to do what ni his opinion is good for all people, all creatures great and small and all creatures in the universe...and there's a good chance there's a bunch of them.

"I think so" can have two completely different meanings depending on one's tone or feelings.

All right everyone... on the count of three say, "well I never." Please use the appropriate voice inflection in this case righteous indignation.